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Focus On:

Project Open Hand

by Jeff Fast

Project Open Hand is an organization with a mission. It exists for a singular, clearly defined purpose: to feed PWAs.

It all began in 1985 with seven clients, for whom meals were cooked in a church kitchen. In the eight years since then, the organization's growth has been phenomenal. By now, Open Hand delivers more than 1,300 meals in San Francisco and 300 in the East Bay every day. More than one-third of the city's PWAs and persons with symptomatic HIV — a total of some 2,400 people — occasionally receives Open Hand food.

To accomplish this task, POH has a paid staff of 72 employees in place, supplemented by 1900 volunteers. It also operates a food bank, located at Church and Duboce streets, that distributed more than 100,000 bags of groceries last year.

Open Hand Communication Director Jim Fox said PWAs often need encouragement to maintain a healthy diet.

"Studies are showing that malnutrition is a major factor in the health of PWAs," Fox told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "We're working now to develop menus with an increased calorie count."

Getting PWAs to admit they need help meeting nutritional needs is often difficult, added Executive Director Steven Burns.

"A lot of the time people don't want to call us," Burns said in a recent *B.A.R.* interview. "To some, asking for help is a self-admission about the status of their health they don't want to admit."

Mary Corwin, a San Francisco resident and Open Hand client for three years, agreed.

"It's hard to call because we're usually people in our 30s and 40s who are used to fending for ourselves," Corwin said. "It's very disheartening to be independent and then start relying on an agency."

To receive Open Hand services, a client must provide a letter proving an HIV symptomatic diagnosis, and can begin receiving meals two

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Stuck in red tape

Andy Couturier, a member of Neighbor to Neighbor, is wrapped in red tape to demonstrate against the complications of "managed competition" in health care. Couturier was part of a rally supporting a "single payer," Canadian-style health care system.

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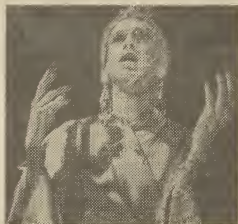
S.F. Gay Play Wins Pulitzer

United Press International

Angels in America: Millennium Approaches, a fantasy view of the Reagan era by Tony Kushner, was awarded the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for drama April 13.

Angels in America, which had its premiere in San Francisco at the Eureka Theatre in 1991, was produced in London last year and will open on Broadway April 29, to be followed by its second part, *Angels in America: Perestroika*, in October. Then the two will play in repertory as an epic whole.

Kushner, who lives in Brooklyn, is also the playwright of *A Bright Room Called Day*, an off-Broadway production. The first part of Kushner's eight-hour theatrical blockbuster with a gay perspective beat out Larry Kramer's *The Destiny of Me* — also a play with a gay perspective — and Anna Deavere



Pulitzer Prize-winning *Angels in America*

Smith's *Fires in the Mirror* to win the prize.

"I'm overjoyed at the news," said Kushner, 36, at a play at the Walter Kerr Theater just prior to the play's first preview performance.

"It feels unreal to say that — like a line a character might speak but not something I imagined I'd have the opportunity to say. It's a great honor, and I'm very, very grateful for it, and I feel outrageously lucky." ▼

Marines Acquitted in Pridgen Assault Case

United Press International

WILMINGTON, North Carolina — Three Marines were acquitted April 13 of beating up a gay man in a January bar brawl in a case that became a national symbol of the issue of gay bashing.

New Hanover District Court Judge Jacqueline Morris-Goodson ruled in the bench trial that the state failed to carry its burden in proving the Marines acted to cause injury.

Crae Pridgen, who became a media lightning rod after the January 29 brawl, testified last week that he was just trying to stay out of trouble during the fracas. He testified the Marines who allegedly were beating him said they were angry at President Clinton's plan to admit lesbians and gays into the military.

But the defense lawyer for one of the Marines accused of beating up Pridgen said in closing arguments earlier Tuesday that the Marines were defending themselves and the alleged victims initiated the melee.

Defense attorney John Burney said two of the alleged victims wanted to perform homosexual acts with the Marines.

The Marines had a right to defend themselves from Pridgen, Burney said.

Witnesses testified it wasn't a gay-bashing, and Pridgen manipulated the news media after the brawl, Burney said.

"If you're gay and say you're bashed, you can get on any newspaper," the defense lawyer said.

Marine Lance Corporals Colin Hunt, Patric Cardone, and Walter Watkins, all stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, faced three counts of simple assault. Camp Lejeune officials have said military charges could follow after civilian courts concluded the case.

"Pridgen was hell-bent on hurting somebody until he met somebody that wasn't

scared of him," said Burney, who represented Cardone.

Meanwhile, Assistant District Attorney James Faison III said the Marines are guilty of assault, and defendant Colin Hunt started the fight. Hunt could have walked away, Faison said.

"There is no evidence anyone wanted to perform unnatural sex acts on the defendants," Faison said, reminding the judge that Pridgen was not on trial.

A fourth Marine, who has not been charged, testified last week that he was the one who hit Pridgen, but that it was self-defense because Pridgen had charged him.

That testimony was followed Tuesday by defense witness Harold Bradley. Bradley was a regular at the Mickey Ratz, described as a gay bar, and is now an employee there.

On the witness stand, Bradley described Pridgen as "a drunk," described him as "violent," and added: "I don't think he's a very honest person. If someone wants to support the homosexual community, they should do it honestly."

Bradley testified he saw Pridgen rush toward the Marines, but did not see any punches thrown. The fight "wasn't a gay bashing. It was a regular bar fight."

Bradley also said that when Pridgen returned to town after appearing - bandages and all - on network shows to discuss the incident, he got so drunk he passed out.

After Bradley's testimony, defense attorneys presented five character witnesses, all of superior rank to the Marines. They described the men as "highly trustworthy," "well thought of," "very honest," and "extremely dependable," and then the defense rested.

Earlier in the week, Burney asked Pridgen the question "what kinds of unnatural sex do you —" at which point prosecutors objected. ▼

Bruce Lee Update

A pre-trial hearing for Wayne Bruce Lee is scheduled for April 15 in Department 11 of Superior Court, 850 Bryant Street, at 8:30 a.m.

Lee, a gay HIV-positive tattoo artist, has been re-charged with four counts of assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly splashing police with his blood following a suicide attempt last October. The charges were enhanced to attempted murder after his arrest but following the dismissal of those charges last

month, the District Attorney's office refiled the original assault charges. Community activists have closely followed the case since Lee's arrest, openly questioning whether District Attorney's office is aware of the damage the case can do — both to HIV-positive San Franciscans and to the D.A.'s relationship with lesbians and gays.

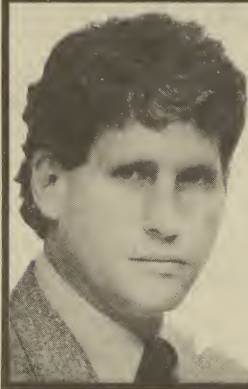
For more information about the case, contact Friends of Bruce Lee at 292-7906. ▼

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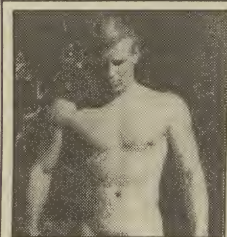


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Community News

MCC To Open Community Center

by Dennis Conkin

San Francisco's Metropolitan Community Church will throw a block party May 1 to celebrate the opening of its new community center on 18th Street.

The community center will be located at 4035 18th Street, the former site of The Living Room drop-in center for people with HIV disease and AIDS, which closed at the end of last year.

"The Castro finally has a neighborhood community center. We're planning to have a wide range of activities for the lesbian and gay community," said Ed Wolff, an MCC spokesperson.

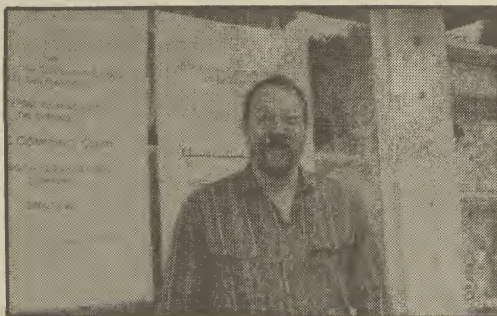
Among the activities planned for the center are support groups for people with AIDS and HIV, self help programs, and drop-in events such as "lesbian drop in night" and events for gay seniors.

Wolff told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the church welcomes suggestions about the way the space can be used by the community.

"We want it to be available to the entire lesbian and gay community," he said.

In addition to the 18th Street site's three "good sized" meeting rooms, Wolff said there is "a wonderful back yard" that people can enjoy.

More than 1,000 people from more than 50 different groups — not including those



The Reverend Jim Mitulski of Metropolitan Community Church in front of MCC's new community center

(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

at the worship services — currently use the Metropolitan Community Church building, located at 150 Eureka Street, for meetings and social events.

Now, said Wolff, programs and meetings will continue to meet at MCC/SF, but the new facility will also be available to bring other programs and services to the neighborhood.

"It's an expansion of our regular program, and since it's a brand new space it's really giving us a chance to sit down and think about things," Wolff said.

"We have groups ranging from the bridge club, twelve step groups, gay Weight Watchers, and community organizations such as Gay and Asian Pacific Alliance, the Gay Men's Chorus, and the Castro Community Business

Alliance meeting there."

Another group that Wolff hopes to see at the center is a "basic coming out group" for men and women dealing with their sexual orientation.

That's a need that has been unfilled in the community because agencies such as Operation Concern and others have their hands full with responding to the "urgency of the AIDS epidemic," he said.

The festivities will begin with a 1 p.m. ceremony and procession at MCC conducted by Reverend Troy Perry, the denomination's charismatic founder.

MCC will open the new center with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 2 p.m., after which it will host a block party featuring music, entertainment, and tours of the site. ▼

Anti-Domestic Partner Group Fined \$7K for Lying, Cheating

by Dennis Conkin

The California Fair Political Practices Commission has slapped a \$7,000 fine on San Franciscans For Common Sense Against Proposition K, a group that opposed the 1990 domestic partners ordinance.

The fine was the maximum allowed for a total of four illegal acts committed by the anti-gay group, the most serious of which was lying to hide the source of donations: in common parlance, money laundering.

"The committee and the committee's campaign manager, David Gilmour, were fined for falsely reporting on two campaign reports that a \$6,000 contribution received

by the committee was anonymous," said FPCC spokesperson Carla Wardlow.

Wardlow said the Commission ruled that Gilmour knew the true source of the contribution: Lou Sheldon's rabidly anti-gay Traditional Values Coalition.

The action violated state campaign disclosure laws, Wardlow told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

"I don't think we've ever had a case that I can recall with these facts," Wardlow said.

Some justice

"To tell you the truth, we filed the complaint and thought it may be buried in the system, but I'm glad to

see there is some justice," said Jean Harris, a former campaign manager for the successful drive to get Prop K passed by voters.

"I think it's just a sign of their hypocrisy. The very people who are saying that gays and lesbians are sinners will lie and backstab and try to do whatever evil things they can against us. They got caught on this small little thing. I hope they continue to be caught and people will understand what liars they truly are," Harris said.

In August, 1992, Sheldon's group was fined \$2,000 for submitting the contribution in question, written on a cashier's check made to look as though it were anonymous. ▼

HIV-Positives Take Note:

Serious Mussel Failure

United Press International

A Newport Beach seafood company recalled frozen packages of mussels April 9, because they may be tainted with bacteria especially harmful to people with weak immune systems.

Turner Seafood International Inc. recalled all lots of its 4- and 8-ounce vacuum-packed pouches of half-shell and smoked mussels pro-

cessed by Kiwi Mussels Ltd. of New Zealand.

The packages, labeled "New Zealand Turne Mussels, Fresh Smoked," were distributed in 19 states, including California. Turner officials said the mussels may be tainted with a bacterium, *Listeria monocytogenes*, which can make susceptible people seriously ill.

The bacteria caused listeriosis, a disease that leaves

toxins in the bloodstream and can damage the liver and nervous system.

The disease rarely strikes healthy people, instead hitting those with lower immunity. It causes flu-like symptoms, including fever, chills, aches, and diarrhea.

Turner said consumers should throw out the packages or return them to the place of purchase. ▼

ILGA and the UN: Acceptance or More Problems?

by Dennis Conkin

It has been recommended by a United Nations Economic and Social Council subcommittee that the International Lesbian and Gay Association be granted "roster consultative status" as a non-governmental group, but that is far from the same as achieving the status.

The March 29 decision by the 19-member subcommittee, to recommend ILGA for the status, will be reviewed in June.

"Our application for consultative status was deferred two years ago, and we were braced for more of the same treatment this round. We lobbied each Economic and Social Council member one by one," said Rina Malonzo, of New York Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center ILGA, the coordinator for the world ILGA UN project.

Malonzo told the *Bay Area Reporter* that Muslim nation members of the UN council, including Sudan, Oman, and Iraq, are strongly opposed to ILGA being granted status.

"Some member states registered strong objections against — and I'm quoting here — 'our nefarious and evil acts' and the 'pathological problems which may harm our children,'" she said.

According to Malonzo, the 58-member UN Council usually routinely approves the subcommittee's recommendations about member status, but she believes there's trouble in the wind.

"We're starting to hear that may not be the case, there is a good chance that the recommendation will be deferred, and we'll have to go through the whole process all over again," she said.

Roster consultative status does not allow ILGA to speak to the council, but only to submit papers on lesbian and

gay issues in the UN Human Rights agenda.

The effort by ILGA to become a "Non Governmental Organization" of the UN Council began more than a decade ago. In 1991, the UN's Department of Public Information granted the group status and ILGA has been represented at weekly NGO meeting at the UN as an "observer."

Founded in 1978, the International Lesbian and Gay Association was conceived as a worldwide, interactive network of grassroots organization to overcome legal, social, cultural, and economic discrimination on a global level. The group has 300 members around the world. ▼

Norway Legalizes Gay Marriages

by Rex Wockner
Outlines News Service

Norway legalized gay and lesbian marriage April 1.

It is the second country to do so. An identical law took effect in Denmark October 1, 1989.

The legislation passed the Odelsting chamber of the Norwegian parliament by a vote of 58-40 on March 29, and the Lagting chamber by a vote of 18-16 on April 1.

Federal Minister for Children and Family Affairs Grete Berget said the law will come into effect August 1.

As in Denmark, gay/lesbian spouses will have all the rights of heterosexual marriage except two: They will not be allowed to adopt chil-

dren, and the state church will not be required to perform gay weddings.

The legislation received support from all members of the Labour and Socialist parties, several members of the Conservative Party and a few members of the rightist Progress Party.

Only the Christian Democrats opposed the measure as a block.

Mette Sørensen, spokeswoman for the National Organization for Lesbian and Gay Liberation (LLH), praised Berget for her work on the legislation, saying it would have progressed much more slowly without her efforts.

LLH activists have lobbied for the law for several years.

Gay-marriage legislation is pending in the parliaments of neighboring Sweden and Finland. It will likely pass in Sweden first.

In Denmark, at last report, more than 1,300 gay/lesbian couples had married since 1989. Seventeen subsequently divorced.

Sixty-two percent of the marriages have been between men.

In the U.S., gay marriage is under consideration in Hawaii, where a lawsuit filed by three gay couples has reached the state Supreme Court. A legal challenge is also ongoing in the District of Columbia. ▼

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Merck Gets Creative

United Press International

WEST POINT, Pennsylvania — Merck & Co., the world's largest pharmaceutical company, announced April 12 it will expand the number of generic products currently available through its West Point Pharma Division, in order to provide additional financial support for the discovery of new medications. That is a different policy than the one in place at most other pharmaceutical companies, where prices of life-saving drugs are simply raised as a way of paying off development costs.

In early afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Merck stock rose 37.5 cents (13.2 percent) to \$33.50 a share on the news. ▼

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Operation Concern board members include, from top left: Larry Klein, Juan Alberto Tam, Ron Wong, Stephen Harmon, Alexa Nickliss; bottom left: Kathleen Archambeau, Ron Vachon, Donald Tarver II and Celia Wambach

Operation Concern Installs New Board

by Dennis Conkin

Operation Concern, an agency that has provided mental health and other services to the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community and their families since 1974, announced the appointment of seven new members to its board of directors last week.

"Over the last year, board members and I wanted to infuse the board with new blood to reflect the incredible diversity of our community," said Kevin McGirr, OC executive director.

With an annual budget of \$1.1 million, the agency receives about 3,000 calls per year from people in acute emotional crises seeking help and information. The bulk of its work is providing mental health and substance abuse counseling to some 1,200 clients.

In addition to its other ser-

vices, Operation Concern is the only lesbian and gay agency in San Francisco that provides substance abuse services specifically for lesbians.

The new members of the Operation Concern board are: Kathleen Archambeau, the owner of Archambeau Associates, a marketing firm; Alexa Nickliss, Ph.D., a history professor at City College and San Francisco State University and a past president of Bay Area Career Women; Steve Takemura, the co-chair of Gay Asian Pacific Alliance and a Commissioner of AIDS for the County of Marin; Juan Alberto Tam, a doctoral candidate who is a therapist at Odyssey House, and author of "El Nuevo Amencer, a manual in Spanish for families of relatives with mental illness; Donald Tarver II, M.D., clinical instructor of psychiatry at UCSF, psychiatrist at The Center For Special Problems,

and co-founder of Lesbians and Gays of African Descent For Democratic Action; Celia Wambach, an associate professor of math education at San Francisco State University; and Ron Wong, the office manager of Mary O'Shea and Associates, a management consultant and fundraising firm.

Ongoing members of the board who were re-elected to serve another year are Ron Vachon, a person with AIDS who is a physician's assistant and a member of the board of the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Alcoholism Professionals; Stephen Harmon, MFA, the vice president of Student Services at City College; Larry Klein, the director of employee relations at City College; and Stafford Buckley, a co-founder of Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders. ▼

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Hormel Offers Grant To Under One Roof

by Dennis Conkin

Gay philanthropist James Hormel has offered a \$10,000 matching grant to Under One Roof, the non-profit store that turns all its proceeds over to more than 50 AIDS service groups throughout Northern California.

The store is close to raising the additional \$10,000 needed to receive the grant, said Phil Segal, a store spokesman.

"The grant is for \$10,000 to help us offset the cost of salaries, rent, and product development. We're pushing for the last \$2,000 bucks. It looks like we're going to make it," Segal said.

The challenge grant from Hormel, which expires May 1, has two requirements: donations must be \$50 or more, and must be from individuals rather than organizations or charities. The grant is all-or-nothing; if the rest of the \$10,000 cannot be raised, the store will not be eligible for any matching funds.

Under One Roof has all of

its operating expenses underwritten by The GAP, Chevron, Miller Brewing, and the *San Francisco Examiner*. It began year-round operation last November, after two years of opening for the Christmas season only, Segal said.

"We made \$307,000 during the last six-week Christmas season," Segal told the *Bay Area Reporter*, or more than twice the amount the store raised when it first opened for the Christmas season in 1990.

Next year, during the second year of operation, the store hopes to raise \$1,000,000 in sales for cash-strapped AIDS service groups, Segal said.

The merchandise chosen or developed by participating AIDS service groups for sale are selected with the consultation of a 15-member merchandise committee of experts including buyers, analysts and other retail professionals, said Bruce Katz, the chair of the committee.

Katz told the *B.A.R.* that

three or four of the members meet with participating AIDS service groups "to help identify products and analyze the sales of existing products, identify retail trends in terms of merchandise that will do well in the store," he said.

One of the founders of Under One Roof, Katz said that among the popular items sold at the store are the full line of "Ten Percent" cards — the first line of gay cards in the country — fashion accessories such as jewelry, watches, and personal care products including soaps and lotions. Gardening items are also popular because of the season, he said.

Participating groups at the store range from the Black Coalition on AIDS, the Sonoma County AIDS Food Bank, and Lyon Martin Women's Health Clinic to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Project Open Hand, and other large AIDS service groups.

Donations to help meet the matching grant challenge by Hormel can be mailed to Under one Roof at 2362 Market Street. ▼

Bike-A-Thon Top Fundraiser Sets a Higher Goal for 1993

by David O'Connor

For five years, Ron Wilmot has sweated it out in the AIDS Bike-A-Thon, collecting more than \$42,000 and becoming the event's top fundraiser.

Wilmot hopes to collect \$15,000 more in this year's trek May 8. But he'll pedal the 100-mile course a changed biker.

Wilmot was diagnosed with AIDS in January, when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expanded the definition of AIDS to include additional infections and higher T-cell counts.

"It was strange for me. I knew it was coming because they had been talking about it for a long time," Wilmot said of the wider definition. "I thought, 'It's not going to make a difference, my health isn't going to change, I'm not going to feel different.' But when I started thinking of myself as a person with AIDS, it felt different."

Wilmot is speaking out about his diagnosis to help publicize the Bike-A-Thon and to defy stereotypes of people with AIDS.

"People can have AIDS and continue to lead healthy, productive, and happy lives," Wilmot said. "Being healthy, fit, and athletic with AIDS is a concept I'm embracing that I hadn't before."

"It might help some people with recent diagnoses understand that they have more to look forward to than being sick for the rest of their lives," Wilmot said. "I had been very private about my HIV status. I've been coming out about my AIDS diagnosis and using my Bike-A-Thon solicitation as a vehicle to do that."

Wilmot credits biking with keeping him healthy. He started riding in 1987, soon after testing positive for HIV, and has had no opportunistic infections so far.

"Most of my friends who were in the same health condition as me six or seven years ago are dead," Wilmot said. "I think it's the aggressive, aerobic exercise I've



AIDS Bike-A-Thon top fundraiser Ron Wilmot

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

been doing that has kept me healthy."

Wilmot bikes five days per week and rode more than 5,000 miles in 1992.

To collect record-breaking donations, he sends solicitation letters to relatives, friends, and colleagues, and hosts a party for all his donors.

Sponsored by Different Spokes Bicycling Club, the benefit has raised more than \$2 million since 1985. Organizers of the Ninth Annual AIDS Bike-A-Thon have opened an office at 10 United Nations Plaza. Riders can choose from routes of 12, 25, 63 or 100 miles. All money raised goes to AIDS agencies in the Bay Area.

For more information, call 575-1800. ▼



Safe-Sex Message Targets Ecstasy Users

A safe-sex campaign targeting ecstasy users kicked off April 10 at Cyclops dance club.

Developed by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic, the campaign features psychedelically-decorated cards with information on the drug and its effects.

One card explains that ecstasy dehydrates the body and recommends drinking plenty of water and avoiding alcohol. Another card advises using condoms and water-based lubes.

"Everybody's different — some people feel sexual on X, some feel sensual," one card reads. "If you do feel sexual, take time to be safe, learn about and use condoms. If you feel sensual, touch and be close. Whatever you do, be smart."

Each card also includes a hotline people can call for more information: 985-7477.

"While these cards are not intended to encourage drug use, we recognize that young people are using ecstasy and we want them to be as knowledgeable as possible," said Les Pappas of the AIDS Foundation. "People who have sex while using the drug can easily fail to follow the appropriate precautions. We want to provide accurate, nonjudgmental information about ecstasy, health, sex and HIV." ▼

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Will the real Carole Migden please stand up?

The real supervisor among the contestants at Product's Migden look-a-like contest April 9. The winning imposter is at the far right.

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Editorial

The Orchestra on the Titanic

We assume everyone remembers when the Rodney King verdict was handed down last year. The current editor of the B.A.R., Mike Salinas, remembers all too well: he was toiling as a bartender at the Score — Los Angeles's only Skid Row gay bar — at the time.

The Score was located less than half a dozen blocks away from the main police facility in L.A., where the majority of demonstrators first gathered, so the situation got dicey fairly early.

As soon as police rushed the crowd, protesters moved south toward the downtown shopping district and the bar.

The bar's horrified patrons watched as live scenes of looting and random violence were broadcast, often from right down the street. A hundred burglar alarms wailed impotently; the odor of smoke grew stronger and stronger; and an endless parade of people ran by the windows, laden with booty.

Clearly the situation was out of control, and there were no National Guardspersons or police officers visible.

Finally, after the television station showed its umpteenth scene of drivers being dragged from their vehicles and assaulted, the door of the bar was locked, the sound system was turned down, the lights were dimmed, and patrons watched a nearly silent screen as they contemplated the pros and cons of various homeward routes.

Meanwhile, the sounds and smells grew even stronger. More and more people dashed past the bar, their arms full of toaster ovens, disposable diapers, and — frankly — a lot of useless junk. And still there were no National Guardspersons or police officers.

Finally, when the situation got to a point where it seemed bleakest, and when it felt as if it could get no wierder, there was a loud hammering at the door.

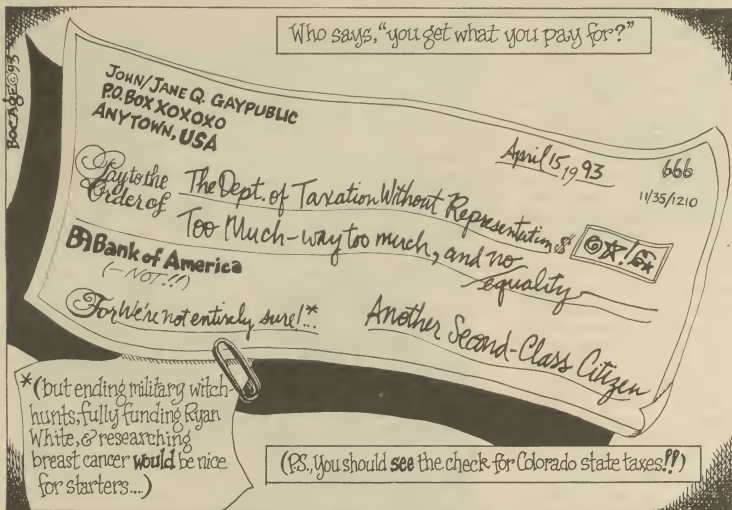
Everyone jumped. A few headed for the back exit, figuring if a mob was coming in to cause trouble in the neighborhood's only gay bar, patrons would be better off taking their chances outside. The others remained rooted, probably from fear. It was, of course, the bartender's job to deal with the situation, so with trepidation, Salinas opened the door.

It was the drag queens who performed a show at the Score every week! There they stood, up to their ankle straps in broken glass, in front of a backdrop of smoke and flames, fearlessly insisting the show must go on.

And so it did. The lights were turned up, the sound was turned on, the door was unlocked, and the drag queens entertained, somewhat like USO entertainers, or the orchestra on the Titanic. Soon the crowd was whooping and carrying on as if it were any normal night; an occasional looter would yank the front door open, see the fearless partying, stand for a moment in shock, and then tear off elsewhere in search of more toaster ovens.

By the time the bar closed, the rioters had moved elsewhere — every bit of merchandise had already been cleared from downtown shelves — and Score patrons made their various ways home safely. It was the drag queens, rather than the police or National Guard, that kept the peace that night.

And that's why we think there should be more gays in the military. ▼



Guest Opinion

An Open Letter to the March Committee

This is just a little note of appreciation for all the effort you've put into your official list of seven demands (which really add up to 21, but who's counting?). Your list encompasses everything we care about, from racism and ageism to sexism in medical research, and even unequal health care access.

I hope you don't mind if I point out just a couple of items you inadvertently forgot. You've been working so very hard to address every possible injustice — which I truly admire — you must have reached a point of total exhaustion so that you forgot these items:

(8) We demand more positive role models in films.

We want fewer ice-pick killer bisexual women. (However, I'm sorry to admit I did see *Basic Instinct* three times, and I secretly loved it; I hope you'll forgive me and still let me attend the March.)

(9) We demand the right to live in a beautiful world. People must become more fashion-conscious.

I mean, if heteros still can't throw a decent outfit together, why should we bother coming out of the closet? The world is ugly enough. We deserve the right to live in a well-dressed world!

(10) Our cultural heroes must not be treated like common criminals. We demand justice for Zsa Zsa and Pee Wee.

For all the humiliation these martyrs have suffered, it makes me want to cry. (Although sometimes I wonder if Zsa Zsa didn't deserve her jail sentence. She is just a bit arrogant, don't you think?) But oh — not poor Pee Wee! Which leads me to the last category:

(11) We demand the right to masturbate.

I'm not sure on this one, because I don't know if self-stimulation is politically correct. Is once a week okay?

I know it's late in the game to be adding more demands to your list. You probably don't have time to reprint all those flyers. I'll tell you what: I'll just add them to the signs I'll be carrying. I might be able to make everything fit on just three signs. Hey, that's okay. What's a little clutter in the struggle for freedom?

Sincerely,
Stephen Kyle

P.S. My lover says he's just concerned about gay rights, not the other 20 or 30 issues. Will you still let him march? I mean, "gay rights" is one of the things on your list, isn't it? ▼

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Letters

Listen Up, Mr. President!

The following letters were sent to President Bill Clinton, The White House, Washington, D.C.:

We recently wrote you a letter announcing the formation of our Democratic Club and our desire to work with your administration in presenting your agenda to the American people. Our club is comprised of some of your most devoted and enthusiastic campaign workers and volunteers.

It is in this spirit that we write to you concerning comments you made at your recent press conference regarding the role of gays and lesbians in the military. The fact that separation of military assignments is even being considered has created a great deal of anxiety and stress in our new organization. We strongly urge you to reconsider this as a viable option.

The San Francisco gay and lesbian communities endorsed your candidacy wholeheartedly and joined the local campaign efforts with a great deal of enthusiasm. Many people in this community are now feeling anguished and confused by your recent comments. We know that you still, as always, are committed to liberty and justice for all, and that you will always stand up to end discrimination wherever you see it.

We sincerely hope that you will take our comments to heart. Our club remains committed to working with your administration and assisting you in any way possible in rallying support for your agenda to revitalize America. Please let us know to what extent we can be helpful. Thank you very much for your time and your consideration.

Robert Kane, President
San Francisco Clinton/Gore Democratic Club
San Francisco

Six weeks ago I wrote to congratulate you on your election and to support your intention to lift the ban against gay men and lesbians in the Armed Forces. Now, however, I'm worried you're retreating from that good-faith pledge.

Yes, many in Congress, in the military and in the country at large, are opposed to lifting the ban, and the order will not be popular, indeed will be resisted, even sabotaged.

One of the problems with the way the debate has been framed so far is the underlying and unexamined assumption that homosexual/heterosexual are rigid categories that reflect certain moral and psychological qualities and behaviors. That assumption leads to much misunderstanding, unequal treatment, prejudice, fear, hypocrisy and, too often, hatred and violence. To quote the man who did so much to help us face the truth in Truman's time, Kinsey observed: "The world is not to be divided into sheep and goats ... Only the human mind creates categories and tries to force facts into separated pigeonholes. The living world is a continuum in each and every one of its aspects. The sooner we learn this concerning human sexual behavior, the sooner we shall reach a sound understanding of the realities of sex."

Many — perhaps most — gays and lesbians have had heterosexual relationships and many straight persons have had, will have, want to have — and are entitled to have in their private lives — homosexual feelings and experiences. So who is to be allowed to remain in the military? Who is to be banned? And for what?

The only defensible and feasible solution is to acknowledge sexual orientation, preference, or status — which is always a complex, changing, highly personal matter anyhow — is irrelevant as far as military service and other citizenship issues are concerned, and to focus on whatever rules and regulations are necessary regarding behavior alone, so that standards for all can be the same, hence fair and enforceable.

John E. Ellefsen
Oakland, CA

The Last Gasp on the Smoking Controversy

Short but not sweet! That is the way I would characterize Joseph Elias' letter to the editor in the B.A.R., March 18. Elias' letter was short in length and short on correct information. First of all, the tobacco tax was voted in three years ago by California voters, not our legislators. This tax money is used for health care and education about tobacco. Smoking debilitates people's health and causes premature death.

Why are lesbians, gay men and bisexuals concerned about tobacco use? Remember this particular population has a combined rate of smoking that is 61 percent higher than the general adult population here in San Francisco.

Finally Elias' use of "Nazi" and "Heil Hitler" in reference to lesbians and gays who support tobacco control, is disrespectful to the memory of Jews, lesbians and gays who were exterminated during the Holocaust. And quite frankly, it is offensive to our staff of 20 African-American, Latino, European, Asian, lesbian, heterosexual and gay San Franciscans, as well it should be.

Gloria B. Soliz, Smoking
Cessation Coordinator
Lyon-Martin Clinic
San Francisco

Kane's Attitude is Surprising

To respond to Edward Kane's letter in your March 11 issue, I have to say I am surprised at his attitude. First of all, it is my personal belief that no one who has any sympathy for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, leather-folk and "sensitive straights" in that state could possibly boycott businesses owned and run by these people. After all, they are the ones who are fighting against Amendment 2 and they need all the financial support they can get.

Why do gays, lesbians, bisexuals and some members of the leather community insist on hurting their own members this way? In fact, why is it that whenever something is deemed "politically correct" it automatically seems to do harm to a segment of the community? The problem is that whenever somebody in our community views something they consider to be a problem, they immediately begin to lose sight of the larger picture — choosing instead to focus on the immediate concern. In this case, the immediate concern is that Colorado citizens voted Amendment 2 in as a law, many in a mistaken belief that they were supporting gay, lesbian and leather rights instead of the opposite (the way the opposition worded the amendment, it could have been taken that way).

However the larger concern must be addressed: fighting the amendment within the state takes money and if we remove or deny the money from the Colorado gay, lesbian and leather community, how are they going to carry on the fight? Not to mention the fact that these people have to eat, rent or buy shelter, wear clothing, etc., all of which means they can't fully boycott the grocery stores, department stores, realty offices, etc. in their area.

What's the answer? Find out what the individual companies feel about the amendment and deal with them on an individual basis. This seems the fairest of solutions. Boycotting only those businesses that support Amendment 2 and the lack of civil rights for gays, lesbians and leatherfolk only hurts those businesses — not our brothers and sisters.

Secondly, Mr. Kane claims to be a member of the "gay leather community," yet he doesn't know who one of the most influential people in the national community, Bill Miranda Salzman is. It becomes obvious that Kane doesn't read *Drummer* or *The Leather Journal*; Salzman has appeared in the pages of both magazines with frequency. That is significant since these two magazines are considered to be the largest forums for the leather community internationally.

Mr. Salzman has never said any of the things alleged in Mr. Marcus' column regarding the boycott. I have had several discussions with Salzman on the subject, yet he never said to me (or anyone else I have been in contact with) any of the things Marcus claimed. Whatever happened to checking the facts in journalism?

Perhaps Mr. Kane would like to explain how the Colorado community is going to fight back against the Colorado Coalition for Family Values and Amendment 2 without the support of the outside community.

Or maybe he would just prefer that those affected simply move elsewhere, leaving the whole situation unchallenged. Given the fact that at least a dozen states are now facing similar legislation, the solution seems short-sighted at best.

No, my friends and acquaintances and I will continue to support those living in Colorado under Nazi-esque conditions, in order to help them overcome the hatred there. Hopefully, they will remember our help when we need theirs.

One last point: Mr. Kane calls Lenny Broberg's trip to Colorado for a leather event pursuing "his own self interests." In a way, that is correct. Broberg's trip to Colorado was an example of the type of self-interest that doesn't avoid those who need help, knowing that the time may come when he needs theirs. The people of Colorado will remember him if he ever needs their help. Who will remember Edward Kane when his turn comes?

Luke Owens

Editor, *Cuir Magazine*
Ass't. Editor, *The Leather Journal*
Los Angeles, CA

Ed. Note: Mr. Marcus responds: Salzman didn't "say" any of those things to me personally, Luke; he mailed them to me. Maybe he "forgot" to send one to your self-proclaimed "international forum for leather:"

Video Investigation

David O'Connor's story on the American Legion's Alexander Hamilton Post investigation of the Fundy Hate Video distribution in the Pentagon made me feel a little like Prokofiev's "Lt. Kije."

His facts are, for the most part, accurate, although there are a couple of things which I would like to correct. They are minor, but as every gay and lesbian person knows, our credibility is most important when we act as witnesses to events.

So just to straighten out the record, I was not in the Marines. I was in the Specialist Reserve as a Lt. Colonel attached to the 69th Public Affairs Detachment of the California Army National Guard at Headquarters, Sacramento.

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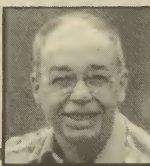
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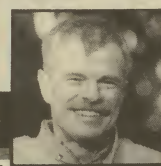


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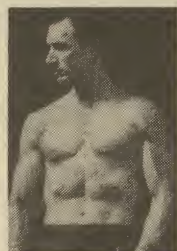
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The following letter was received by fax
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Are you concerned about the plight of Larry
Meholick? He's the gay sailor unjustly incarcerated
in a military prison on trumped up charges of forcible
sodomy. If you agree with me that Meholick is a
victim of the U.S. military's un-declared war against
queers, then please take ten minutes to copy the
following letter either on your word processor or in
your own handwriting, and mail it to President Clinton's
Clemency Board.

I beg all of you reading this letter to do your part
to help bring Meholick's case to the one man who with
the stroke of a pen could grant clemency to this queer
political prisoner. If enough of us write letters to this
board, I believe we will eventually convince Clinton
to pardon Meholick.

Mike Petrelis
Washington, D.C.

President Bill Clinton
c/o The President's Clemency Board
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

I am writing to you to request that you either pardon
or grant clemency to Mr. Larry Meholick, a gay
sailor whom the Navy has dishonorably discharged
and imprisoned on dubious charges of forcible
sodomy. Meholick is presently incarcerated at the
United States Disciplinary Barracks in Ft. Leavenworth,
Kansas.

I fear the United States military may have violated
numerous constitutional protections of Mr. Meholick.
I am concerned that the military may have elected to
convict a man on spurious evidence, including perjured
testimony. I am concerned that the military may have
violated Mr. Meholick's protection against self-incrimination
by gaining a confession from him while he was under the
influence of a psychoactive medication. I am concerned
that Mr. Meholick has been subjected to cruel and unusual
punishment through abusive language by his guards, by being
forced to sleep naked on the floor in a cell without any bedding,
and by a prison sentence of six years in a maximum security
facility. I am concerned that the military has constrained
Mr. Meholick from petitioning members of Congress for the
redress of his grievances. I am concerned that the military
has constricted his freedom of speech by denying him access
to the press.

I plead with you to grant Mr. Meholick executive
clemency or pardon and provide him relief in a case which
I believe is of monumental injustice.

Sincerely,

Close Colorado Springs

Now that the federal government is set to close a
large number of military bases, wouldn't it be nice if
President Clinton and Secretary Aspin started with the
home of the lunatic right-wing, namely Colorado Springs,
Colorado?

The right wing kooks and their military friends are
in bed with each other and one of their major bases of
operations is Colorado Springs. As a taxpayer, I object to
the outrageous waste of my tax money on our bloated military.
As a gay man, I am offended that Colorado would sanction
hatred.

Please call or write your congresspersons and ask
that Colorado Springs be shut down. It will not stop the
bigots from hating me any less, but at least they will have
more time to think about it from the unemployment line.

Patrick Tifer
San Francisco

Who Would Do It?

In regard to your story "Under One roof Vandalized
Again," (B.A.R., March 18.) the spray painted message
on the boarded-up window of the Under One Roof store
nearly pissed me off as much as the act of vandalism itself.
The message, obviously by some person associated with the
store, read "Who would do this to an AIDS service organization?"
and pertained to the plate glass window having been broken
by vandals the night before.

Had the author of that message been paying attention
for the past 15 years, he would know that there is an epidemic
of hatred and violence against queers in this country and
around the world. Had he been paying attention he would be
aware that people with HIV and AIDS have been and are being
constantly physically and psychologically attacked, thus
hastening their deaths.

Another problem is that we keep thinking of ourselves
as victims. If we keep it up, that's what we will always be.
Instead, let's get up off our butts and get informed, get
organized and FIGHT BACK! Our AIDS service organizations
are under attack. Clearly, they need to be defended. Let's
work towards that end. Today, we have to replace a broken
plate glass window. If this is allowed to continue, tomorrow
we may have to replace the whole store.

Allen Carson
San Francisco

The Hero on Horseback?

We've been great admirers of the way Keith Meinhold has
gallantly stood up to the military, but we are deeply
disappointed that he agreed to be the Grand Marshall at the
1993 Gay Rodeo. He's misguided if he cannot see the
similarity between the oppression of gay people by macho
political/military U.S. Government leaders and animals who
are subjected to unnecessary cruelty in rodeos.

What good is achieved in maintaining the ban on
gays in the military except to satisfy homophobic bigotry?
What good is achieved by forcing animals to sustain physical
pain and terrible emotional humiliation at the hands of
modern-day macho cowboys except to entertain the folks,
many of whom are gay and should know better?

As gay men who have always respected the fundamental
rights and inherent values of all living beings, we call out
to each and every gay person to boycott any and all rodeos,
whenever and wherever they are held, including the 1993
Gay Rodeo.

Donald Harig
David Klein
Richard Reynolds
San Mateo, CA

Defending SF AIDS Foundation

The article by Jeff Fast on the San Francisco AIDS
Foundation does a serious disservice to your readers, the
gay community of San Francisco and imperils the important
work of the foundation. The aspersions you cast are
unfounded, mean-spirited and do not contribute to the
credibility of your newspaper.

As former director of education for the SFAF and
continuing donor to the foundation, I have been delighted
to observe the maturation of the agency into one of the
most well-run, effective and respected organizations of its
kind in the world. It is unthinkable to me that you would
question the relatively small amount of money spent for
travel to Washington, D.C. by Pat Christen and Rene
Durazzo in light of the remarkable success they have had in
bringing millions of dollars into San Francisco and many
other cities. Their efforts have provided an amazing return
on the dollar and I feel that my donated dollars have been
more than well spent. Both Ms. Christen and Mr. Durazzo
are highly respected here in Washington and they have been
effective where others have failed.

What is the point you are trying to make about salary
increases and pension plans? Are these things you begrudge
people who devote their careers to public service? Is it
wrong for people who spend their most productive years
providing a service to the community to expect a reasonable
salary or a retirement plan?

Further, you question the SFAF's establishing a firm
financial base by investing donated monies. That you would
try to cast this sensible strategy as a profligate use of donor
money displays a woeful ignorance on your writer's part.
A financial base with which to weather the inevitable
vagaries associated with government contracts and donation
cycles is a sign of a well-run agency. The consequences of
not having an adequate financial base include expensive short-
term loans, service interruptions, lay-offs and the wear and
tear associated with a crisis.

I am happy to see that you have given the SFAF credit
for its courage in producing effective and controversial
educational campaigns. Mr. Fast, the laws of cause and effect
apply here as well. It takes a solid, well-run, financially
secure agency to produce the kind of hard hitting, life-saving
educational campaigns and to provide the range of services that
are expected of the SFAF. You attempt to use the foundation's
slogan, "Be Here For The Cure" in an ironic way. The irony
is that you have missed the point. The SFAF is being managed
with the type of leadership, courage and vision that will
allow it to be around for the cure.

Jackson Peyton, AIDS Specialist Center for AIDS Research & Evaluation Washington, D.C.

Mr. Fast responds: No, Mr. Peyton, you miss the point.
In some opinions, the amount spent by Ms. Christen and
Mr. Durazzo on travel may be small. Combine this with the
entire staffs' expenses for travel, conventions and meetings
and you undeniably have a hefty sum of money. Since the
success (or lack) of these expenditures can only be judged in
the abstract, isn't it fair to report and question the need
for such extensive wandering? However, if Christen and
Durazzo are as well-known and respected in D.C., as your
letter implies, they've spent more time there than I realized.

SFAF was purporting to spend 70 percent of its budget
on client services, when the true figure was only 54 percent.
The 16 percent discrepancy is \$1 million, which is precisely
the amount SFAF put in the bank last year. SFAF isn't San
Francisco's only AIDS-service provider with a savings account,
but it has by far the largest. (Incidentally, it isn't the only
one to misrepresent how much is spent on programs for its
clients). Other organizations have accumulated money over
several years, while the million SFAF saved in just one year,
1992, is completely unprecedented.

SFAF's salaries, including those paid by Ms. Christens and
Mr. Durazzo's, are generally consistent with other large AIDS
organizations. However, the size of SFAF's average salary
increase last year was quadruple the national average.

Ad Nauseam

"Help Keep America's Military Strong" You've got to give them credit for tenacity; I mean, these pigs aren't about to give up — there it was, a full page ad, paid for by something called "Concerned Women for America," in last Friday's *USA Today*. The ad (which must have cost tens of thousands) was complete with a half-page photo

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of Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Colin Powell and a quote by the top military homophobe: "I believe the policy we now have is consistent with the necessary standards of order and discipline required in the armed forces," plus quotes and photos of fellow bigoted homophobes Senator Sam Nunn (D-Georgia), Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, (R-Kansas), and even California's own Representative Bob Dornan, a Republican well-known for his hatred of gays and lesbians. The ad mentioned that they had a "special arrangement" where supporters of keeping the discriminatory ban could call a certain telephone number, and "Concerned Women for America" — (?) — would agree to send three mailgrams in the caller's name: one to each of the U. S. senators from their particular state and even one to their representative to "let them know you're taking a stand against avowed homosexuals in the military." "Concerned Women for America" claims in its ad that "Defense experts' recent study in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* ... shows homosexual behavior to be promiscuous, compulsive, and uncontrollable, traits directly counter to military life." The group has a post office box in Washington, D. C., but this writer was unable to learn anything about the organization by calling the listed 1-800 number.

Going further, Powell, Nunn, Dole and company lend their name to a statement that claims "shockingly, the typical homosexual has at least 68 sex partners per year and over 1,160 lifetime sex partners," adding that "homosexuals have alarmingly high rates of AIDS, hepatitis A and B, syphilis, gonorrhea, and tuberculosis; in the close living and training environments of military life, these extremely infectious and deadly diseases could endanger the lives of our nation's military personnel."

As tough as it is to understand the homophobia of life-long bigots like Dornan, Dole, and even Democratic — (?) — Senator Sam Nunn, it's even harder to figure where a black man such as Colin Powell would get the nerve to embrace discrimination of any kind. If then-President Harry Truman hadn't lifted the ban against blacks serving in the military some 40 years ago, Powell wouldn't be making beds in the military, much less running the entire armed forces.

Despite claims to the contrary, rumors persist in Washington that General Powell

will indeed resign his powerful Joint Chiefs of Staff position if President Clinton continues — as we are told he will — to insist that the ban be lifted against gays and lesbians in the military. Good riddance! Powell is a bigot of the worst kind and the sooner he goes, the better.

Politics and People

And how about this one? Dornan, one of the House's most homophobic members, was telling reporters in L.A. last week that he is "leaning against" running for re-election to his House seat next year, so that he can "dedicate" all his "energies" to a possible bid for president in 1996.

Go for it Bob! (This is one sure way to get this right-wing pig out of office — remember Representative Bill Dannemeyer who gave up his House seat to become "Senator" Dannemeyer? Now he's unemployed.)

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Speaking of unemployment: *Poor Pete* — the latest *L.A. Times* poll on the governor's job performance shows Wilson ill in big trouble with Californians; the poll showed his job approval rating was only 30 percent, while his disapproval was a whopping 59 percent; undecideds or 'don't know' was only 11 percent — at this rate, either Kathleen Brown or John Garamendi should have little trouble unemploying him next year.

Washington gossips blame the Republican Party's smear-campaigners for a persistent rumor floating around the Capitol that President Clinton is "involved" with a well-known movie star; reporters checking out the rumor says it does not appear to have any foundation, but the GOP is doing its best to keep the rumor alive.

To the disgruntled letter-writer who complained that I give too much ink to Supervisor Carole Migden: Get over it. When I disagree with the woman I'll say so, but Migden is one of City Hall's brightest and hardest-working leaders, and our community should be damned glad she's there; not only does she have the good of the gay and lesbian community at heart, but the en-

tire city as well.

Speaking of City Hall, I have it first hand that some pretty prominent names with big political bucks are quietly trying to talk former supervisor and mayoral candidate John Molinari into another run for mayor the next time around; political loyalty is pretty important to Jack Molinari and he told this columnist that he "wouldn't even consider such a thing as long as I am a part of Frank's administration." (He's the current president of the city's Parking and Traffic Commission.)

Speaking of mayors, I'm sure former S.F. mayor and current Senator Dianne Feinstein's a forgiving soul, but state Controller Gray Davis pointedly used his allotted speech to the state Democratic Convention last week in an attempt to effect some badly-needed political damage control. Davis had angered most of the state's top Democrats last year when he was a candidate for the Senate nomination against Feinstein, and aired a campaign commercial that compared her to convicted tax evader Leona Helmsley, New York's disgraced hotel queen.

Davis, who reportedly plans to run against former Demo state chair Phil Angelides for the lieutenant governor nomination next year, knows many Democrats are still angry with him, so he sought to play down his sins with humor, calling GOP policies "the most ill-conceived programs in history, with the possible exception of my campaign for Senate last year. But of my folly, my friends, we can say California wound up with a great U.S. Senator in Dianne Feinstein." (Could that be a 'Phil for Lt. Governor' button I saw Dianne wearing recently?)

And while he might be a really BIG star in Sacramento, there was Speaker Willie Brown, new tux, gorgeous date and all, arriving at the Academy Awards ceremony a couple of weeks ago, and going completely unnoticed by the media mob, which went bananas over actor Al Pacino, who arrived at exactly the same time.

L.A. gay political power-broker David Mixner, one of the community's most respected national spokespersons, has reportedly told San Francisco friends that the White House is miffed and is not returning his phone calls since he criticized Clinton's admission a few weeks ago that he might consider restricting jobs of gays and lesbians in the military; Mixner had been Clinton's longtime friend and closest gay adviser, and the White House will soon learn that David Mixner is not a person to double-cross; however, he is said to still believe that in the end the president "will do the right thing."

Be back in a couple of weeks: I'm going to on a holiday to New York and Washington. Hey, can you imagine? A million gays, lesbians, and supporters marching on D. C. April 25. Wonderful! ♥

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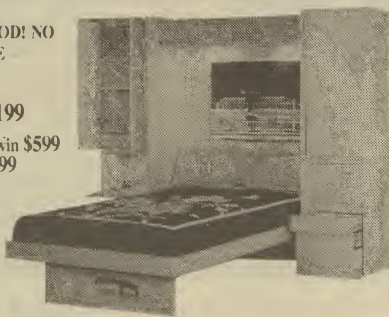
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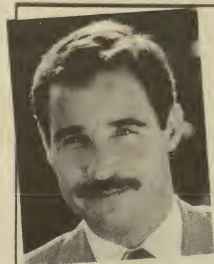
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The Outer Limit

Rocker Chicks Rule

by Rachel Pepper

The members of 7 Year Bitch were more than an hour late to our appointed meeting place at their friend's house in the Mission. But no matter, because by the time they finally arrived, I'd already forgiven them. Could be partially because I'd enjoyed talking to some members of the Gits, another Seattle band who were hanging out there. Could also be that once I saw them in person, I realized they were even cuter than in their photo, or that I enjoyed their good natured rowdiness and rocker chick sensibility immensely. And then again, if truth be told, it could have been all the above combined with the two glasses of wine I'd already downed by the time they showed up.

No matter. What is important to mention right away is that 7 Year Bitch is the up and coming women's band to watch out for. Their first full

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length album, *Sick 'Em*, was released late last year, and there's another album in the works. Hailing from Seattle, that happening city of grungy rock and roll, these gals have so much energetic enthusiasm about who they are and what they're doing you just can't help falling head over heels in lust with each one of them.

First with lead singer Selene Vigil, a five-foot-tall powerhouse with a shock of wild white hair and, at 27, the infectious grin of a three-year-old. Then with drummer Valerie Agnew, who got all endearingly earnest with me discussing the band's politics while the others cracked themselves up across the table.

With bassist Elizabeth Davis, whose sunny smile and perky personality made me feel immediately like we were old friends, and also with newest member Roisin Dunne, who must in part be thanked for helping keep the band going after Stefanie Sargent's untimely death last year. So, there I finally was, sitting across a picnic table from the gals, feeling lucky to be able to spend time with them at all. Months ago I'd heard that they were supposed to be playing a gig here with L7, but L7 pulled out of it to do the big Bosnian rape relief benefit with Nirvana at Cow Palace instead. It doesn't



7 Year Bitch

seem quite fair to know that San Francisco was the one city that missed out on a double bill of two of the best women's rock bands playing today. Oh, well, at least I can comfort myself with the knowledge that Bitch'll be back in town in June to play at Faster Pussycat, just for us. Yay!

Anyway, so there Julien and I were, gabbing with the girls, but the funny thing is, the band's members don't even know yet how big they are among dykes. Although their inclusion on the now-out-of-print *Dyke in the Pit* collection catapulted them into the world of underground lesbian music, they still plead ignorance to their popularity.

"Nobody tells us these things," said Valerie, who, after Stefanie's death, is now the only band member who's openly bisexual. But Elizabeth says she's fooled around with girls before, and Selene was quick to point out that she often notices cute girls around her. "Maybe I just haven't met the right woman yet," she laughed, as we had a toast then and there "to chicks."

The music of 7 Year Bitch is all about power — women's power — but they play as much for men to hear their message as they do for women. Which is a good thing, because their songs about war and sexual politics should be heard by straight boys in particular. I was a bit taken back when a few band members seemed to feel that men, in their own way, were as oppressed as women, but I figured any group that could write and regularly perform a song called "Dead Men Don't Rape" must actually have their priorities pretty straight.

Just don't call them Riot Grrls, whatever you do.

No, I didn't attend the rape relief concert at Cow Palace, but I did get a chance to see one of my other favorite women's bands to top the week off in style. Okay, technically they're only three quarters women, but we'll excuse the male drummer for now, girls, as long as you slip into town unannounced once in a while the way you just did. Yes, I'm talking about the Breeders, who arrived a few days before their gig, (opening said benefit) to play a couple covert sets South of Market as their warm-up for the big event.

So much more pleasant than getting stepped on by drunken straight boys at Slim's, as was the case when these grooving girls were last in town, the Paradise Lounge proved a much more civilized venue. Less of a college crowd — and much more hip than one — the audience was doubly appreciative and therefore even better behaved than a usual concert audience. For not only were we getting the chance to see the Breeders for only five bucks, we could rub it in to all our less fortunate friends the next day. Ha!

Disguising themselves as the bands Flipside, Roi, and Hag, (which supposedly pissed off the very real band The Hags), on the night I went, those Breeders played two full sets to the delight of the many dykes I knew who'd flocked there. From my vantage point on the stairs I could look long and lovingly into Kim Deal's eyes, and watch for those ever so slight changes in Josephine Wigg's facial expressions. It's the small things in life, after all. ▼

HIV Clinic On Castro

People with HIV disease and AIDS who need evening medical care can be seen by physicians during the Monday evening HIV clinic at District Health Center Number One in the Castro.

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HIV care during daytime hours.

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For more information about the clinic call District Health Center One at 554-9750, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ▼

AIDS Now Fifth Most Common Cause of Death Among U.S. Youth

by Charles S. Taylor

ATLANTA (UPI) - AIDS has become the fifth leading cause of premature death of Americans under age 65, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported April 8.

The CDC said that during 1991, the last year for which statistics are available, AIDS displaced birth defects as the number five cause of premature death for younger Americans.

AIDS previously had been ranked in sixth place as an early death cause, or, as the CDC termed it, the cause of "years of potential life lost before age 65."

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In 1987, AIDS showed up for the first time in national health statistics as a major cause of death of young people. That year, it ranked in seventh place, moved up to sixth place in 1988, and remained there until it moved up another notch to fifth place in 1991.

As of December 31, 1992, the CDC had received reports of 253,448 cases of AIDS in the United States and 171,890 deaths.

Accidents were ranked as the top cause of premature death for people under 65, followed by cancer; suicide and homicides; and heart disease.

From 1989 to 1990 there were percentage decreases in some causes of premature deaths. There was, for example, a 4.1 percent decline in accidents.

The largest increases were for HIV/AIDS (12.7 percent) and suicide/homicide (6.5 percent).

The ranking of causes of premature death before age 65 differs from causes of death for all ages. The number one killer for all ages is heart disease, followed by cancer, cardiovascular diseases, accidents, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and influenza-pneumonia. ▼

Study: HIV-Positive Health Workers Little Threat to Health

by Douglas A. Levy
UPI Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Patients face little risk of HIV infection from an infected surgeon or dentist, provided that appropriate precautions are taken, three studies concluded April 13.

Experts said in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that tests of 2,555 people treated by three HIV-infected doctors found no evidence of AIDS transmission from surgeon or dentist to patient.

The studies examined patients of a Baltimore cancer surgeon, a Florida dentist, and a New Hampshire orthopedic surgeon. However, about a third of the patients treated by the HIV-infected surgeons and dentist did not come forward for testing. This made it impossible to rule out the possibility that someone could have been infected during a medical procedure.

In the Baltimore case, breast cancer surgeon Rudolph Almaraz operated on 1,131 people between 1984 and 1990, when he resigned from the Johns Hopkins Hospital staff and died a few months later of AIDS-related complications. Over half of the patients have since been tested for HIV exposure, and only one patient tested positive, the researchers said.

That person received a unit of blood in 1985 that was traced to a HIV-infected blood donor, said Audrey Smith Rogers of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The transfusion was received before testing of donated blood for AIDS risk began.

The health department investigators found the surgeon's infection control techniques were "meticulous."

In the Florida case, a dentist who worked at a Department of Veterans Affairs dental clinic from 1985 to 1991 developed an AIDS-related infection in 1991. He treated 1,192 patients at the clinic, 900 of whom were tested for HIV exposure.

Dr. Gordon Dickenson of the Miami Veterans Affairs Medical Center said five of the 900 tested positive for

HIV infection. Four of those five had "clear evidence of risk factors for acquiring HIV infection," Dickenson and colleagues said.

The remaining HIV-infected patient denied high-risk behavior. However, genetic tests indicated neither that patient's virus nor the virus infecting the other four patients was closely related to the dentist's infection.

"This study indicates that the risk of HIV transmission from a general dentist to his patients is minimal in a setting in which universal precautions are strictly observed," said the researchers.

In the third case, about 51 percent of an orthopedic surgeon's 1,174 patients treated in Lebanon, New Hampshire, between 1978 and 1991 were tested for HIV exposure. Death records and other data sources also were checked. The only HIV infections that would have been reported known HIV infection before the surgeon operated.

Dr. C. Fordham von Reyn and colleagues of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center said based on their

findings, former patients should not be routinely notified or tested after a surgeon's HIV infection is revealed.

"Notification and HIV testing of former patients in this setting is both disruptive and expensive and is not routinely recommended," researchers said.

In an editorial accompanying the three studies, Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, said more than 19,000 people treated by HIV-infected health care workers have been tested but no cases of infection were found.

Federal health officials recommend that all health workers follow "universal precautions," meaning that all patients are treated as if they were infected with HIV, hepatitis B, or other transmissible diseases. These precautions include disposable gloves, face shields, and other protective equipment.

In addition, HIV-infected health workers should consult with expert boards for recommendations on any specific limitations that may be warranted, the CDC says. ▼



Panels honor priests

The Reverend William E. Swing (left) presents panels in memory of two deceased priests to Anthony Turney, executive director of the Names Project. The panels will be part of a display during the March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation.

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Why California Should Be More Like Minnesota

by David Olson

Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson Friday signed a gay-rights bill into law, making Minnesota the eighth state to prohibit discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

The bill passed the state legislature after 20 years of defeats. During its last try, in 1991, the bill did not even make it out of legislative committees.

But this year a strong grass-roots lobbying effort, along with "a change in climate" toward gays and lesbians, led to the victory, said openly gay state Senate President Allan Spear. Legislators simply aren't as fearful as in the past that support for gay-rights is politically dangerous, he said.

"The election of Bill Clinton showed people you can support gay and lesbian rights and be elected to the highest office in the country," said Spear, Senate sponsor of the bill.

Minnesota isn't the only state in which legislative support for gay and lesbian rights has dramatically increased. Three of the seven other states that have adopted gay-rights laws did so last year, and vote margins in other states have become much closer.

This was the first year that Minnesota gays and lesbians mounted an extensive statewide grass-roots effort to pass the bill, and a year in which the bill received unprecedented mainstream support, said Ann DeGroot, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council.

Unlike in most states and cities, the Roman Catholic church endorsed the measure in Minnesota, as did most Protestant and Jewish denominations. All of the state's major labor unions backed the bill and dispatched lobbyists to work for it, and many civic organizations and even some business groups — which traditionally oppose gay-rights legislation — supported the proposal.

Most of these non-gay groups allowed gay activists to contact their members to urge them to call legislators to support the bill. That was vital, especially in rural areas where lesbians and gays generally are not well-organized, said Mary Newstrom, campaign coordinator for "It's Time, Minnesota," which spearheaded the grass-roots lobbying effort. Supporters of the bill also visited churches and community groups throughout the state, explaining what the bill did and

didn't do and requesting support.

Gay rights advocates still were unable to match the religious right, which has a massive phone network and is able to mobilize its supporters through church sermons.

But, Spear said, "those legislators who wanted to vote for this said it helped a lot to get at least some calls for this. Most of them realized that they were going to get more calls against this than for it, because they know the intense motivation that those who belong to the Christian Right groups have."

Fundamentalist groups inadvertently swayed some legislators to support the bill, said openly lesbian Representative Karen Clark, House sponsor of the bill.

"Some people told me, 'I've received so many hate calls filled with scurrilous and violent things that I realized why there's a need for this bill,'" Clark said.

Anti-gay forces in Minnesota brought up the same arguments that fundamentalists everywhere bring up: that the bill would give rights to pedophiles, that religions would be forced to adopt pro-gay teachings, and that gays wanted "special rights," not equal rights.

In response, supporters inserted exemptions for reli-

gious groups and youth organizations, along with a statement that the bill does not establish hiring quotas for gays.

The presence of Spear and Clark also helped.

"That allowed people to get to know an openly gay man or open lesbian and realize that we don't have horns, and that we can be good colleagues, do our work well, and are not just interested in one issue," Spear said.

The support from Governor Carlson, of the Independent Republican Party, also was key. Despite angry denunciations from right-wing members of his party, Carlson staunchly supported the bill, and DeGroot said his support convinced some fellow Republicans to vote for it.

"The governor doesn't see this as a political issue," said

gubernatorial spokesman Pat Sexton. "He supported this because it's the right thing to do. If it hurts him or it helps him in any way, that's just a byproduct."

The bill passed 77-53 in the House, with 66 members of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and 11 Republicans voting yes; and 37-30 in the Senate, with 32 Democrats and five Republicans voting yes.

The measure bans discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, credit transactions, education and public services.

The other seven states with gay-rights laws are Wisconsin, California, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and Hawaii. California and Hawaii only bar employment discrimination. ▼

GLAAD Media Watch

Waldenbooks

Compiled by Hollie Conley

Waldenbooks, a national bookstore chain based in Connecticut, recently began carrying lesbian and gay magazines like *OUT*, *Frontiers*, *Genre*, and *The Advocate*. Because of a campaign by the American Family Association, a nationwide hate and group, Waldenbooks is being flooded with calls of protest about the decision. Please write or call Waldenbooks and express your support for lesbian and gay publications! Write or call Charlie Cumello, President and CEO, Waldenbooks, P.O. Box 10218, Stamford CT 06906, tel. 203-352-2000.

Lost Language of Cranes

The acclaimed film *Lost Language of Cranes* will debut in video stores in June. Leading an unprecedented charge into the lesbian/gay market, CBS/Fox Video has announced a national campaign to distribute the video. CBS is asking people around the country to request the film from their local video stores in order to overcome anticipated reluctance to carry it. The film tells the story of a family facing crisis after both father and son come out of the closet.

If your local video store does not regularly carry and promote lesbian and gay themed films, now is the time to start requesting them!

Proceedings

"*Proceedings*" is the monthly magazine of the U.S. Naval Institute, a private organization for naval professionals. Its April issue includes a spread of nine articles on the subject of gays and lesbians in the military. Although the introduction to the series promises opinions "from both sides of the issue," only one of the nine articles, the excellent "We Are Here to Stay" by Captain Philip Adams, takes a position

against discrimination and prejudice. One of the articles, "Just Stay Cool" by Commander Robert Morabito, takes the position that homosexuals are terrible people, but that lifting the ban will do no great harm because homosexual acts will still be illegal and straight service people will be free to continue hating homosexuals.

The rest of the pieces, with varying degrees of homophobia or ignorance, support discrimination. One remarkable piece, "A Proposal" by Kevin McCrane, simply lies about current policy in order to make its point: "Gays and lesbians are not barred from serving in the military," McCrane writes. He clarifies the "real issue" as "the demand of the homosexual community to ... carry the banner of overt sexuality into the military workplace." He goes on to define coming out of the closet as a form of sexual harassment.

Especially if you are currently or formerly in the Navy, write *Proceedings* and demand more balance and judgement in their treatment of this issue. Write to *Proceedings*, U.S. Naval Academy, Preble Hall, 118 Maryland Avenue, Annapolis MD 21402, fax 410-2697940.

Book of the Month Club

The new *Book Club News* (the monthly publication of the Book of the Month Club) contains an insert promoting the "Triangle Classics Library, a series of landmark books that illuminate the gay and lesbian experience." The series features books by Rita Mae Brown, Edmund White and James Baldwin. The Book of the Month Club has been increasingly inclusive of late, but their "proud" issuance of this series represents a new step. Comments or inquiries may be addressed to Brigitte Weeks, Editor in Chief, Book of the Month Club, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17012. ▼

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Teen Suspended for Wearing Gay T-Shirt

United Press International

DALLAS — Officials at a Dallas, Texas, high school say they told a gay freshman student not to wear a gay-oriented T-shirt to classes, but they deny his claim they ordered him to stay away from school because of his choice of clothing.

Aryk Lewis, a 16-year-old student at Bryan Adams High School, said he was told to leave the school after he refused to stop wearing the T-shirt.

School officials acknowledge they told Lewis not to wear the shirt, but Principal Larry Smith said the decision to stay away from school was Lewis's. Smith said Lewis "has an option to be in school, but he has just chosen not to be in school."

Smith said he and other principals in the school district adhere to a policy banning students from wearing clothing that is considered disruptive.

Lewis said the controversy started when a school office employee objected to the shirt, which depicts two men wearing T-shirts. One of those shirts says, "I'm not gay but my boyfriend is." The other says, "Boyfriend."

"The lady at the office said I shouldn't be wearing that [shirt] because 'that's not an adequate lifestyle,'" Lewis said.

Smith said he wasn't aware of any allegations of anti-gay bias against a teacher or staff member, and school district officials said they do not discriminate against anyone.

Lewis said he was told by an assistant principal to change the shirt or at least turn it inside out, and to remove a necklace adorned with rainbow-colored freedom rings that symbolize gay pride.

Smith would not discuss Lewis's case, but Dallas Independent School District spokesman Larry Ascough said the boy "is not under suspension and there has been no disciplinary action" taken against him except for a request that he stop wearing the shirt.

Lewis said he should be able to wear the shirt because other students are allowed to wear T-shirts bearing messages, as long as they're not obscene or vulgar. ▼

Idaho Attorney General Says Bigots' Initiative Is 'Fatally Flawed'

by Marghe Covino
B.A.R. Capitol Correspondent

BOISE — Idaho Attorney General Larry EchoHawk has informed the Idaho Citizens Alliance that its proposed anti-gay initiative is fatally flawed and would not survive a court challenge. EchoHawk said the initiative "violates the most essential constitutional principles of American society and would deny basic rights to all Idahoans — not just gay and lesbian citizens."

The ICA initiative is meant to keep gays from "receiving special rights through minority status." But in his review of the initiative, which is legally required, EchoHawk said, "that's a misstatement — the initiative would deny homosexuals not special rights, but equal rights — including the right to due process, free speech, and access to the democratic process." He said the rights of all citizens would suffer as well.

In his 23-page legal opinion EchoHawk said, "Those who stand to lose are not just homosexuals; rather all Idahoans will suffer an abridgment of our most deeply held and cherished constitutional rights — the right to freedom of speech, the right to academic freedom in our universities, the right to free political debate in our governmental bodies, and the right to live in a society where all members are protected equally under the law."

In addition to constitutional problems and conflicts with the First Amendment and Equal Protection clauses of the U.S. Constitution, the initiative conflicts with similar clauses in Idaho's constitution and interferes with the right of every citizen to petition government for redress of grievances — the fundamental guarantee of access to the political process.

In writing the opinion, EchoHawk drew on recent court decisions, including one



in California which held that, "Private biases may be outside the reach of the law, but the law cannot, directly or indirectly, give them effect." Doing so would make the state a partner in discrimination, the court said, in violation of the U.S. Constitution. Similarly, barring legal protection for homosexuals would deny that group a fundamental right that all Americans enjoy: the right to petition government. "Whether or not the majority agrees with the homosexual lifestyle, the state does not have a compelling interest to exclude homosexuals from the political process," he stated.

EchoHawk said the initiative also violates free speech rights by trying to censor one side of an "ongoing political and moral debate."

In addition to banning anti-discrimination laws based on sexual preference, the initiative bars schools and other public agencies from "sanctioning" homosexuality, bans the use of public funds to "sanction" it, and requires that public libraries keep materials about homosexuality out of the hands of minors. Among the potential effects of the initiative would be the banning of certain research at state colleges and universities, censorship of school newspapers, restrictions on police

protection at gay and lesbian rallies, barring production of certain plays, prevention of state health insurance-funded counselors from exercising independent judgment, require librarians to be censors, and intimidate Idahoans with the threat of criminal penalties.

Idaho law requires EchoHawk to review all initiative petitions within ten working days of their filing, for matters of substantive import such as constitutional flaws. The review is advisory only and does not have the force of law. Therefore ICA can proceed with placing the initiative on the ballot.

According to Jean McNeil, a spokesperson in EchoHawk's office, "the initiative backers have the right to accept or reject any or all of the legal opinion and if they garner enough signatures to place the initiative on the ballot." McNeil did say that if the initiative is voted into law and in the event of a court challenge the state would be obliged to defend the initiative — however, she said, in some cases the Attorney General's office contracts out to law firms specializing in such suits.

The ICA has until August of 1994 to gather the 36,000 qualifying signatures to place the initiative on the November 1994 ballot. ▼

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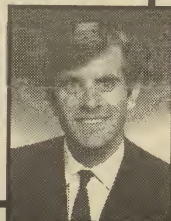
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Gene Barfield, 802-479-7934

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Nice Baskets

by Mary Richards

It wasn't just a Good Friday on April 9, when the Coits of San Francisco sponsored their 13th Annual Easter Basket Auction: it was a great Friday! The event raised \$3,100 for the Godfather Service Fund, as it provided an opportunity for the highest bidders to take home some of the handsomest bonnets — and baskets — San Francisco has seen in years.

Empress XXV Marlena was hostess of the event at Lily's bar for the evening, and she set the tone for a pre-Easter celebration where everyone could join in the fun. Both she and guest auctioneers worked the audience from the stage, whipping celebrants into a fun frenzy of bidding, getting every possible dime for the items — many of which were donated back by their buyers, who asked that they be distributed to persons with AIDS in more than a dozen hospitals on Easter Sunday. Throughout the bidding, volunteers modeled bonnets that were born to be worn at an Easter parade.

Marlena told the B.A.R. that her most successful item for auction was the Easter basket donated by Image Leather. "I sold it twice," she said. "Once for \$275 to Ernie, a very good person in our community, and then it was given back and I sold it for \$325. It was filled with all these leather fantasy things that the leather boys like."

"It's a wonderful, wonderful evening," she added. "I believe in The Godfather Service Fund and The Coits. It's their 13th Annual Auction and they donate all the money back — every dime, every penny goes to The Godfather Service Fund."



Kay and Chris Carnes show off their Easter



Miguel's carousel bonnet at the Easter

Al Aden, who is a member of both The Coits and The Godfathers, ran through the

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National News

Red Ribbon Update

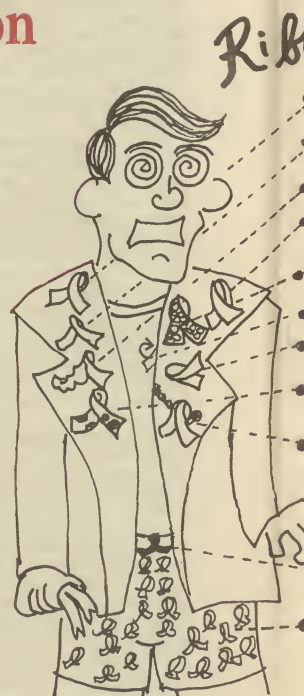
Those ubiquitous red ribbons have undergone some changes since they were first introduced: at first they were simple grosgrain ribbons, pinned to a lapel to make a statement about the AIDS pandemic.

Then the ribbons started getting fancier. Simple cloth gave way to enamel, lacquer, sequins, and — inevitably — pave rubies on gold and platinum.

Plus, of course, other colors besides red started sprouting on public lapels: lavender, blue, pink, and green have been seen, not counting the odd yellow-and-black ribbons worn by the feds in Waco.

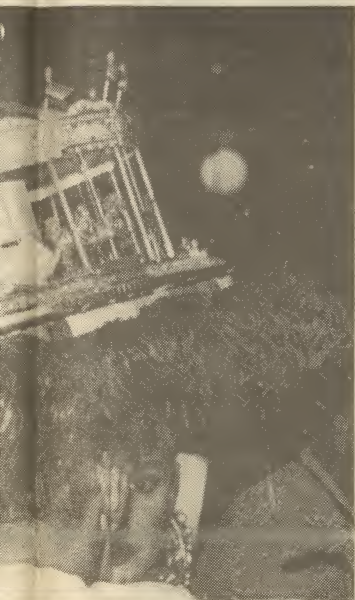
Now there's something new. Apparently some of the city's movers and shakers have taken to wearing their red ribbons reversed, with the "tails" pointing up, rather than down.

The reason: The tails form a "V."





their Easter bonnets (Photo: Darlene/Photo Graphics)



the Easter auction (Photo: Darlene/Photo Graphics)

list of business that contributed items for auction: Luppans, Olive Oil's, and

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- Dyslexic Talk show host PWA (wear backwards w/ mike)
- Red brass belt buckle
- Red ribbon sexy boxer shorts!

Jim Provenzano

Charpe's restaurants; bars such as Moby Dick's, The Mint, Lily's, Headquarters, and Marlena's; Nob Hill Chocolates; Joseph Schmidt candies; Shear Madness hair salon; Agraria; and The Packaging Store.

During the festivities, Bob Docca, who has been with The Godfather Service Fund for over six years, talked with the Bay Area Reporter about some of the services that the organization provides. "Every two weeks we go to San Francisco General Hospital and Ralph K. Davies to visit all the AIDS patients and bring our personal care kits with toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, terry cloth bathrobes, and slippers. When



Sister Woman is all ears for Easter (Photo: Darlene/Photo Graphics)



Winner of the best basket contest. (Photo: Darlene/Photo Graphics)

you walk in that room and somebody says 'I can't afford that,' I say 'there's no money involved - this is from the community.'"

Easter is only one of the holidays that the Godfathers celebrate. "On St. Patrick's Day we bring little pots of

shamrocks, on Valentine's Day, candies and balloons, and at Christmas we do an awful lot. We have parties at the hospitals and we wrap and deliver over 500 Christmas gifts every year," Docca said.



... be sure to wear some flowers in your hair (Photo: Darlene/Photo Graphics)

"Sunday we will give out over 300 Easter baskets, so that every AIDS patient in every hospital has one. This whole weekend is great, because tonight we have this event, tomorrow at the Kokpit in the Tenderloin they get assembly lines going and make the Easter baskets, and Sunday volunteers deliver them to the hospitals."

Docca told the B.A.R. that although members of the Gay Softball League will help deliver the baskets on Easter, The Godfather Service Fund urgently needed more volunteers. It has lost many friends to AIDS, and now operates with only three volunteers to distribute care kits to hospitals.

Even though there are losses, their work will go on, and much of it will continue because of events like The Coits Easter Basket Auction. Docca said, "Last year when I left this event I went home and cried. This is the community at work, and this is a beautiful night every year - total love, total commitment."

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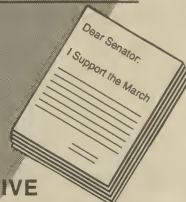
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Christina Crawford Sells Mommie's Oscar

United Press International

The Best Actress Oscar that Joan Crawford won in 1945 for the title role in *Mildred Pierce* will be sold at auction by her estate June 19, it was announced April 14.

Todd Merrill, a spokesman for Christie's auction house, said a "very conservative" evaluation of \$8,000 to \$12,000 had been made on the gold figurine but a larger price is expected.

"It's the only Oscar by a top movie star to come on the market so far," Merrill said.

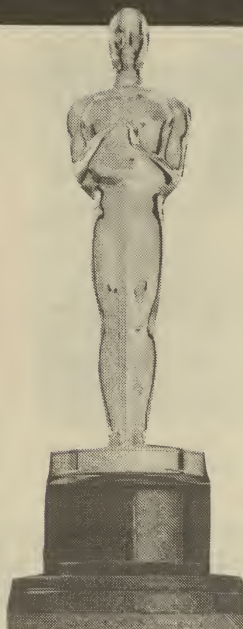
Although several Oscars have changed hands, at least two at auction, such an event is a great rarity because Oscar winners in recent years have been required to promise they will not sell their trophies.

One of two trophies won by World War II veteran

Harold Russell, for his role as a war-crippled veteran in *The Best Years of Our Lives*, was sold last year for \$57,000 at a New York auction. An Oscar for a musical score won by Beatle John Lennon also was offered at auction but may not have sold, Merrill said.

The Crawford Oscar is part of a sale of collectibles and entertainment memorabilia including 70 pieces of the actress' correspondence with prominent members of the Hollywood film colony, including Jack Warner, Katharine Hepburn, Cesar Romero, Ingrid Berman and Alfred Hitchcock, several of her movie wigs, and an assortment of her couture evening gowns, beaded sweaters, and feather boas.

The memorabilia has been consigned for sale by the Crawford estate representing her four adopted children,



Christopher, Christina, Catherine and Cynthia, Merrill said. ▼

Military Updates

by David O'Connor

Hearing Postponed in Schindler Case

The U.S. Navy postponed last week's pretrial hearing in the case against Terry Helvey, accused of killing shipmate Allen Schindler last year in Japan.

The hearing has been rescheduled for April 16. A starting date for the court-martial may be set at the hearing, according to Commander Jim Kudla, spokesperson with the Pacific Fleet.

Helvey's Navy-appointed defense lawyers requested a delay in the trial and a change of venue, saying publicity surrounding the case will influence its outcome.

As defendant, Helvey has the choice of trial by judge or jury. A jury in the case would comprise between five and 12 military personnel, according to Kudla. Helvey may request that up to one-third of the jury be enlisted personnel; the remainder would be officers.

In a separate case, Dorothy Hajdys, Schindler's mother, on March 30 filed a claim for wrongful death against the Navy. Hajdys' attorney, William Brackett, said the claim seeks \$8 million in damages because the Navy was negligent in failing to protect Schindler and other sailors who were harassed and threatened by shipmates.

Also, Hajdys will be honored April 18 in San Diego with a Mayor George Moscone Memorial Award. One of the annual Nicky Awards (similar to San Francisco's Cable Car Awards), the Moscone Award usually goes to elected officials.

Hajdys wins it this year for speaking out on issues of hate crimes and gays in the military, said Nicole Rimirez Murray, Nicky Awards founder and chair of San Diego Mayor Susan Golding's Gay and Lesbian Advisory Board.



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A closed, eight week group for gay/bisexual male couples. Contact Mark at ext. 149.

HIV Caregivers Group

A closed, group for men and women who are friends, family, or partners of people with HIV. Contact Mark at ext. 149.

HIV Positive Group

A closed, ten week support group for HIV+ gay/bisexual men. Contact Rob at ext. 143

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A closed, eight week support group for gay/bisexual men with ARC/AIDS. Contact Rob at ext. 143.

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Meholick Denied Parole

A military review board has denied parole to jailed sailor Larry Meholick.



Meholick's attorney Bob Spriggs said the parole was denied because of charges Meholick had sex with another prisoner while he was held in San Diego. Because there was no formal hearing on the incident, Spriggs said the charge should not have been submitted at the parole hearing.

Meholick denies he had sex with the prisoner and Spriggs argues the charges were made in retaliation for Meholick's speaking with the press.

Spriggs, who is in financial straits and struggling to keep his Illinois office, is continuing to appeal Meholick's conviction.

peal Meholick's conviction.

Meholick is serving a six-year sentence for forced sodomy. Meholick maintains the sex was consensual.

Gay Vets' Discharge Papers Sought

The Bay Area Military Freedom Project seeks copies of discharge papers in an effort to collect evidence of the number of gays and lesbians who have served in the armed forces.

The group is asking gay and lesbian veterans to send three copies of their DD214 Discharge papers whether the veteran served the full enlistment or was kicked out early.

The Bay Area Military Freedom Project plans to send copies to Senator Sam Nunn, head of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Representative Ron Dellums, head of the House Armed Services Committee. The third copy will be used for a media event, such as dumping a truckload on the White House lawn.

Send papers to the Bay Area Military Freedom Project, 2744 Sacramento Street, No. 206, San Francisco, California, 94115. ▼

More Religious Violence

United Press International

MILWAUKEE — A judge sentenced a man to 16 years in prison on April 12 for killing his daughter after she refused to pray.

Carl Thompson, 38, pleaded no contest in February to first-degree reckless homicide in the beating death of his 13-year-old daughter. He told police he beat the girl to drive the devil out of her after she refused to pray.

The girl was stripped and

beaten for more than two hours with a leather belt and an extension cord at the family's home on December 4.

Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Lee Wells said the case proves that "not every act of human beings done in the name of God is divinely inspired."

In a statement before his sentencing, Thompson said he was only disciplining his daughter and her death was "a totally innocent accident." ▼

Alaskans Fear Hepatitis Vaccine, Auto-Immune Disorder Connection

by Joan Moss

At a time when President Clinton plans to inoculate every American child for common childhood diseases, traditional Dena'Ina native women from Alaska have enlisted the help of biologists, doctors, and researchers to protest — and, if possible, halt — mass inoculation programs sponsored by the federal government aimed exclusively at Alaskan natives.

Mary Ann Mills and Bernadine Atchison began researching Hepatitis B vaccine shots when a tribal member, Delice Calcote, reported to the Tribal Council that her first grade son had been given a shot at school in 1986 by a school nurse, without Calcote's knowledge or consent. The women learned that vaccine shots were being given to all Alaskan natives.

That a parent's knowledge — much less consent — was not required for school nurses to inject medicines into native children is not surprising in light of the government-published *US Arctic Research Plan*, which has set forth the Arctic region as a "natural laboratory": on page 120, it coldly refers to natives as a "resource for studying health problems which will benefit other populations."

Is the vaccine safe?

After having spent six years studying vaccines, microbiology, and documentation, Atchison and Mills are concerned that the plasma-based Hepatitis B vaccine used to inoculate at least half of the native population so far may have contained infected blood that poses the threat of auto-immune diseases.

The three women have been distributing a video, *Alaska Health Issues and Indigenous Peoples*, taped at an July 1991 Arctic Village health conference, to groups and individuals as a way of sharing information they have learned. Its first San Francisco screening will be May 6 at 8:30 p.m., at Artist Television Access, located at 992 Valencia.

"We're making our story public for the sake of humanity," explained Mills. "What the Public Health Service has done — and continues to do — with the Alaskan Natives in the guise of health is truly tragic and diabolical."

It has not escaped the notice of the women that among the many scientific journals and articles they have gathered, repeated mention is made of the experimental Hepatitis B vaccine program undertaken by the Center For Disease Control, The New York Blood Center, and universities from 1978 to 1981, immediately prior to the first indications of the new, unnamed auto-immune disorder now known as AIDS. They, like many before them, wonder if there is a direct correlation.

One such reference is the book *AIDS and the Doctors of Death: An Inquiry into the*

Origin of the AIDS Epidemic, in which Dr. Alan Cantwell Jr. states that "much of the scientific knowledge that has accumulated on the spread of AIDS in America has come from the surveillance and blood testing of large groups of gay and bisexual men who volunteered as human test subjects in the original Hepatitis B vaccine trials, which took place in six American cities during the years 1978 to 1981."

Dr. Archibald Kalorkerinos, medical adviser for Aboriginal Health in Australia, spoke with the *Bay Area Reporter* in a telephone conversation March 6, and appears in the 1992 video *The Vaccination Dilemma*. He stated in the video and in the conversation, "In 1980 a Hepatitis B vaccine was made that ... was distributed for use among Canadian Indians, and to Australian doctors overseas. The vaccine was in question because it may have contained very harmful viral particles. We don't know what happened to the people who received the shots."

According to Cantwell's 1991 *Chiron Rising* article "AIDS Biowarfare," "Even Robert Gallo, (originator of the green monkey theory) agreed that the WHO [World Health Organization] vaccine program, which inoculated millions ... could have awakened the dormant AIDS."

Also appearing in the *Alaska Health Issues* video is Yves DeLatte, a biologist from Finland who has long questioned the safety of Hepatitis B vaccines. In a 1990 open letter to Professor Peter Duesberg in Berkeley, he wrote "AIDS could very well be the consequence of vaccination programs, done indiscriminately or not, and I will ask the scientific world for a proper test to be executed with honesty in order to show if I am right or wrong." So far, that test has not been carried out.

None of the investigators believe that AIDS was passed from the recipients of the original vaccine to the general population, but they do wonder if the disease was already in the vaccine and was therefore passed to the study's volunteer subjects.

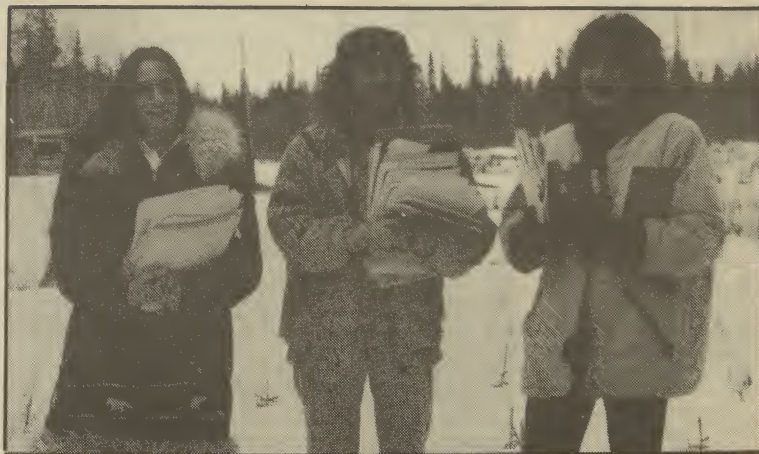
They're trying to kill us

Community health aide Eva John works at Mentasta Village in South Central Alaska. She made it clear in her conversation with the *B.A.R.* that she was expressing her own opinion, not that of her tribe.

She recalled, "After I received the Hepatitis B shot my health was never the same. I've felt sick all the time. I'm either very fatigued or overactive. ... I've never felt physically normal since the Hepatitis B shot. I've stopped going to the doctor."

"I believe the government is trying to kill us because of greed for the land. It's really bad."

Several Alaskan natives, in



Mary Ann Mills, Bernadine Atchison and Sharon Smyth are working to halt mass Hepatitis vaccinations in Alaska. Their video will be shown in San Francisco May 6

fact, are concerned about the possibility that in using their people as a "natural laboratory," the government is really up to something sinister.

Among the documents assembled by Atchison and Mills are July 1, 1969 minutes to Senate appropriations hearings to the US Department of Defense. Those notes, in the opinion of some, point to a biological warfare project, with money spent to investigate the development of "a synthetic biological agent, an agent that does not naturally exist and for which no natural immunity could have been acquired. ...

"There are many who believe such research should not

be undertaken, lest it would lead to yet another method of massive killing of large populations."

Also troubling is a 1972 memorandum of the World Health Organization — under "recommendations" — that reads "The possibility should also be looked into that the immune response ... may be impaired if the infectious virus damages more or less selectively the cells responding to the viral antigens. If this proves to be the case, virus-induced immuno-depression might conceivably be highly instrumental in prolonging certain virus infections, such as Murine Leukemia, Hepatitis, Sub-

acute Sclerosing. ..."

Whether or not one believes the World Health Organization would "recommend" "prolonging certain virus infections," with a serious intent, it is hard to ignore the words of Eva Sneed, author of *Some Call it AIDS; I Call it Murder*. "None of us may have the totality of the answer," she said, "but one thing is sure: those in charge — WHO, the United States Public Health Service, and the National Cancer Institute — are definitely lying."

Public information officer for the Alaska Native Medical Center, Sylvia Carlson, a Thlinget, expressed certainty

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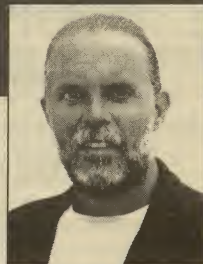
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Open Hand

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weeks later. Beyond that, Open Hand operates without waiting lists. Clients who don't want daily meals delivered automatically call the agency by 10 a.m. when they do. There is no income requirement to receive a daily meal. To receive weekly bags of groceries from the food bank, the client must have income of less \$750 a month.

Project Open Hand distributes more food to PWAs than any other organization in the world. In San Francisco, twelve other organizations also have food programs accessible to PWAs, all of which combined distribute fewer meals than POH. Fox said that more than half, and perhaps 75 percent, of the agency's clients have no other food source.

Obviously, San Francisco is dependent on Project Open Hand to provide care for PWAs. But could it be too dependent? What would happen in the event of closure by the health department? What if fire or natural disaster destroyed the kitchen? Does the city have a contingency plan or the resources to feed these people if POH's services were suddenly halted?

"Well, I have to admit that



Kim Read and other volunteers prepare meals for Open Hand

(Photo: Judi Parks)

there would be some logistical problem," Burns said. "But we have a lot of friends and would keep going until we worked something out."

The most popular charity

Project Open Hand is, arguably, the city's most popular AIDS service provider. Of all San Francisco's AIDS

charities, it has more people directly involved with daily operations, and with projected fundraising revenues to surpass \$5 million in 1993, it receives more donations than any other AIDS organization.

POH's popularity, perhaps, can be attributed to the empirical, rather than abstract, nature of its services. For example, it is easier to see the direct result of a meal, compared to a counseling program. And while Open Hand food is rarely accused of being delicious, the general consensus is that it is somewhat better than most institutional food.

"All I have to do is go downstairs and see the food being cooked and shipped out for me to feel good about my job," Fox said.

The organization's motto is "meals with love for people with AIDS."

But the meals with love don't come cheap.

According to tax records, audits, and reports reviewed by the B.A.R., Project Open Hand's expenses eclipse the costs of the city's other major institutional kitchens. In 1991, the most recent year for which public documents exist for both finances and services, it spent an average \$6.71 per meal served, including all salaries and other overhead — even though virtually all cooking and delivering was performed by volunteers. (By contrast, the average meal cost is \$2.00 in the public

schools, and \$1.10 in the jails. On the other hand, Open Hand prepares 14 different kinds of meals — vegetarian, Kosher, no milk, and no salt, to name just four — while no school or jail in the city has more than four meals, and most have only two. Also, schools and incarceration facilities use far more government surplus food.)

The budget

Open Hand projects a 1993 budget of \$6 million, of which \$720,000, (or 12 percent) comes from government grants, and \$5.2 million, (88 percent), from fundraising and other revenues.

In 1991, Open Hand's budget was \$3.9 million, with \$1.1 million going for food, \$1.5 million spent on salaries, and \$1.3 million going to overhead such as utilities, printing, management, and the fundraising department. Of the \$1.1 million spent for food, \$700,000 was spent for meals and \$400,000 went to the food bank.

To put it another way: for each dollar Open Hand spent on salaries in 1991, it spent 74 cents on food.

Burns said the overhead is because POH produces a product. "We're primary a manufacturing operation," he said. "Meals are our product, and to produce them, we start at the ground floor and work our way up."

While the cost of an institutionally-prepared meal from Open Hand is more expensive than a comparable meal from many restaurants, the group fares much better at distributing groceries from the food bank. Sacks of groceries containing a box of cereal, canned meat, canned fruit, canned vegetables and various other items, cost POH an average of only \$9.65; Open Hand estimates the value of the groceries at more than \$15. Safeway Stores is among POH's most generous food bank benefactors, and some of the goods are surplus U.S.D.A. food. Approximately 25 percent of the total food bank food is donated.

"It's nothing that you can subsist on, and I wish they'd stick in some fresh fruits and vegetables," Corwin said. "But it's great as supplemental food and I appreciate it."

For several years, Project

Open Hand has publicly purported to spend 75 percent of its total budget on client services. For 1991, arriving at this figure took some creative bookkeeping. More than \$200,000 in management expenses, \$200,000 in printing expenses, \$47,505 in income tax from sales of food from POH's occasional freelance catering and merchandise sales, and \$8,624 in board of directors expenses were classified on tax forms as client services. After tossing out the misclassifications, the actual amount spent on client services in 1991 was 63 percent.

The amount spent on clients will probably be smaller in 1993, because the budget is growing faster than services.

In addition to income from government grants and fundraising, POH cookbooks, food products, and catering service earned a total of \$115,000 in 1991. For clients who can afford to pay, POH requests \$3 for a meal. Approximately one percent of meals are paid for, (bringing in \$14,948 in 1991), and Burns said POH doesn't actively pursue collecting from clients.

Project Open Hand spent more than half a million dollars, or 15 percent of the total 1991 budget, on printing expenses; that percentage is greater than that spent by any other major San Francisco AIDS service organizations for publishing material. But unlike many groups, POH has no educational or counseling programs. So what is it doing with so much paper?

"We have a large mailing list," Burns said. "Direct mail is how we raise much of our money. Some of our mailings go to more than a quarter of a million people."

Paying for the best

Burns, who has a Ph.D. in psychology, earns an \$85,000 salary and is the highest paid executive director of any San Francisco AIDS charity. He said that directors of large organizations deserve a good salary.

"A non-profit organization has to be run beyond reproach," Burns said. "You're dealing with donors' money. If you want to attract top-quality management you have

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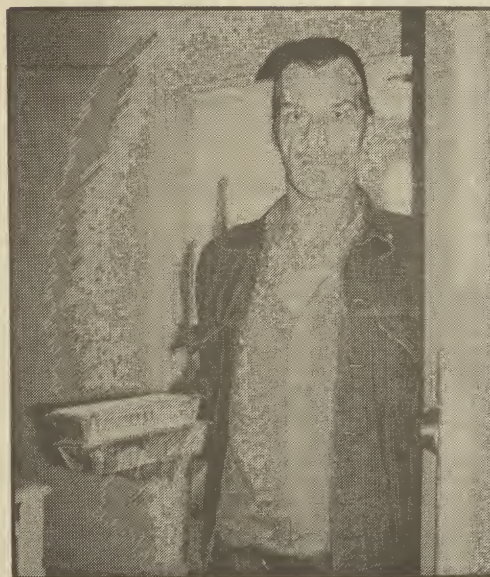
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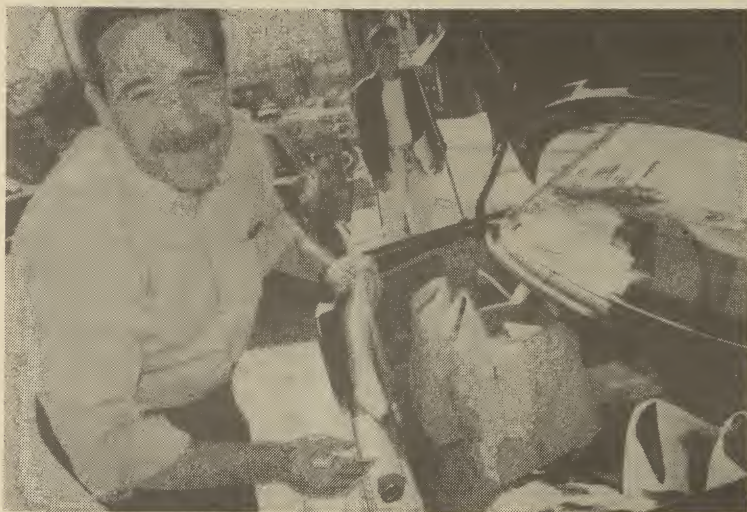
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Richard Harry receives an Open Hand meal

(Photo: Judi Parks)



Project Open Hand Director Steve Burns loads meals for home delivery

(Photo: Judi Parks)

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to be willing to pay for it. I don't want to sound conceited, but I think I'm worth it."

For the past three years, the agency's savings account balances have ranged from \$650,000 to \$850,000. It owns \$2.1 million worth of property, for which it still owes \$1.8 million.

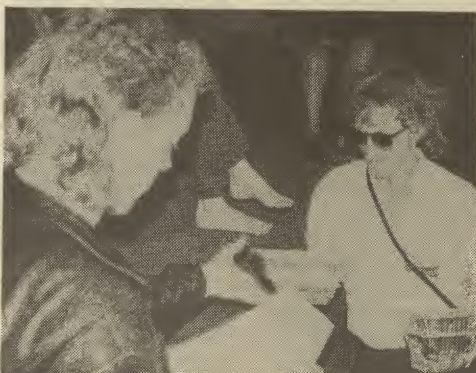
The 1991 costs for personal expense accounts and travel were an admirably miniscule .02 percent of the budget. The fundraising department spent 18.7 percent of POH's budget.

Project Open Hand, like several other San Francisco AIDS service providers, is undergoing a period of tremendous budget growth. A 1991 budget of \$3.8 million and a 1993 budget of \$6 million amounts to growth of 63 percent in two years.

In the past, POH has responded to rapid growth with mixed results. From 1986 to 1988, the number of meals it provided expanded by an average 20 percent each month. It was able to accommodate the growing demand and still function without a waiting list.

But founder Ruth Brinker was accused of financially mismanaging the organization and strong-arming people who dissented with her opinions. Clients began complaining about the food quality. In 1990, Brinker left the organization with the agreement that she would be recognized as POH founder, and would be allowed to participate at Open Hand fundraising events. She also received a cash settlement of \$10,000, according to tax returns.

On virtually every piece of promotional material issued by the agency, there is a reference to Ruth Brinker. This helps perpetuate the misconception that Open Hand's initial success was solely the result of her labor. It wasn't. Hundreds of San Francisco residents, and a few churches, donated food. Several organizations, most notably the AIDS Emergency Fund, allocated grant monies to Brinker. In 1987, the Bike-A-Thon committee made POH a co-beneficiary of the proceeds, which earned the fledgling agency more than \$50,000 and educated citizens about the group's purpose. Several people have privately and publicly expressed resentment that, after eight years, Brinker has still



Project Open Hand Communications Director Jim Fox delivers meals in the Tenderloin.

(Photo: Judi Parks)

not publicly acknowledged her supporters' help in creating the Open Hand phenomena.

Facing a smooth future

But these disagreements involve the past, and Burns said POH will meet the challenges of the current phase of growth with a smooth transition this time.

"Our organization is designed to grow," Burns said. "We have a kitchen that can prepare 10,000 meals a day if necessary and we're ready to make the adjustments."

So far in 1993, this isn't the case. While the budget is growing by 63 percent, services have increased by only 27 percent. POH has, however, announced that it intends to increase the number receiving daily meals by another 20 percent, from a current 1,335 to 1,600, by the end of 1993. Burns also said POH would continue to increase the daily number of meals without having to resort to a waiting list.

"Not having a waiting list is incorporated into our charter," Burns said. "For us to have a waiting list would constitute a catastrophe."

With 1,900 active volunteers, Project Open Hand is able to function without a waiting list because it has more manpower than any other AIDS organization — almost one and a half volunteers per daily client, in fact. And each Wednesday, an orientation meeting is held for new volunteers.

Delivering meals to PWAs, which is the function of more than half of POH volunteers, can be a sensitive and emotional business. Burns said that

most meal deliverers do not stay more than a year.

"They usually work for three to nine months," he said. "And then they need to move to something else or take a break."

A typical delivery route encompasses dropping off between ten and 30 meals, often to poorer neighborhoods. Because POH prepares 14 types of meals daily for people of varying ethnicities and special diets, a chart is prepared for the deliverer before beginning a route. Charts also contain specific notes about each client, such as, "use the key they've given us," or "if not home, leave with the manager," or "be very discreet."

"We don't tell people that we're with Project Open Hand," Fox said. "We just say we've dropped by with dinner. A lot of these people's neighbors would react with hostility if they knew the person has AIDS."

Because many PWAs only daily contact is with a POH, volunteers are trained to report on the status of the client's health. Open Hand has a list of emergency telephone numbers for each client.

"I wouldn't go so far as if to say we've saved lives," Burns said. "But indirectly I know that we have."

Corwin said she believes the quality of food is getting better, despite the increased output of meals.

"It's really hard to pack and deliver institutional food without it become one blobbed gel," she said. "But unlike a lot of organizations I've worked with, I think they show a genuine desire to always improve." ▼

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Obituaries

Oscar J. Barron

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Passed away March 10, 1993, at his home with his mother, Yolanda Barron; room-mate, Robert Contreras; lover, Ben Alderete; and his friends Luis Fernando and Miguel Angel at his side. We would like to thank you all for being there for him. Gathering of friends will be held at his home on April 25th. For more information call 864-2019. ▼



Don C. Henry

April 9, 1993

Don C. Henry passed away on April 9, 1993 at the age of 46 from a massive heart attack. His life was one of steady, gentle activism for good causes, an enduring optimism and a joyful silliness that endeared him to everyone who knew him.

He was always interested in the good of the planet. He was born and raised in Lubbock, Texas, where he became an Eagle Scout. After graduating from college he moved to Washington, DC to get a law degree from George Washington University and began working for the EPA. He came to California and continued with environmentally active work by joining the National Park Service, first as an environmental protection specialist and then as an equal opportunity counselor. He was a tireless promoter of good causes. He served on the board of Theater Rhinoceros and with many human rights organizations too numerous to mention. He was instrumental in developing policies for non-discrimination based on sexual orientation for the Western Region of the National Park Service, and his impact quickly became national. He was sought out for advice, information and leadership by the Clinton administration and various newspaper reporters, and by colleagues in many federal agencies throughout the country.

Among the many awards he received for his work in non-discrimination policies in the National Park Service and elsewhere were the "Sammy" Award from FLAG, and a Cable Car Award in 1992. He received the NPS Western Region's Equal Opportunity Award in 1993 for his nationally significant work.

He is survived by his family in Lubbock: mother, Mary Catherine; brother Alan and his family, and many others who remember the straight-arrow, brown-eyed Eagle Scout. He is also deeply mourned by a huge family of friends and co-workers here in San Francisco, who mourn his passing as a friend and activist. We feel grateful and blessed to have known him and have our lives touched and changed by his grace and spirit.

There will be a memorial service and celebration of his life at Black Point Battery, Headquarters Building 201, Upper Fort Mason, San Francisco, April 29, at 3 p.m. For further information, call the Equal Opportunity Office at 415-744-3952. ▼

Joseph Paul Jackson, M.D.

Oct. 13, 1944-April 6, 1993

Joseph Paul Jackson, M.D., age 48, died peacefully at home in San Francisco on April 6, 1993. Born October 13, 1944, in Houston, Texas to Kathleen Swann and Joseph Peter Jackson; his grandparents, Mae and Claude Swann, raised Paul from age six. He displayed early talents in science and music, performing on the piano and English horn.

He was granted degrees by the University of Texas at Austin in 1966 and the University of Texas Medical Center in Galveston in 1970. Upon completing his internship at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, and additional study in orthopedic surgery in Essex Hospital, England, he was commissioned in the U.S. Navy, where he served as staff physician/surgeon from 1971 to 1976 in Corpus Christi, Houston and Treasure Island, California. He was awarded the Joint Services Commendation Medal. Honorably discharged as a Lieutenant Commander, he began private medical practice in San Francisco, where he was the first residency trained, Board Certified, Family Practitioner at California Pacific Presbyterian Hospital, becoming later a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Here he met and shared nine years with Fred Beckmann, his loving and supportive companion until his death in 1988. From 1982 until 1987, Paul lived and practiced medicine in Willits, CA at the Becktel Creek Clinic and Howard Center in Santa Rosa.

In 1987 he returned to San Francisco to join the medical staff at the Community Health Clinic. Although he enjoyed and explored many interests during his life, including music, astronomy, archaeology and theology, he maintained a special devotion to the Opera. He is survived by his father and mother, J.P. and Marie Jackson of Houston; grandmother, Mae Swann of La Porte, Texas; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins

and many loving and caring friends, former patients and colleagues in California, Missouri and Texas.

A requiem Mass will be said at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, 261 Fell Street, San Francisco, at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 15th.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the J. Paul Jackson Thank Offering Memorial, the Episcopal Church of the Advent, 216 Fell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. ▼

Richard Burton Gilbert

Nov. 5, 1948-Dec. 8, 1992

Ric arrived in San Francisco in the summer of '69, possessions lost in New Orleans along the way, in his old beat-up T-Bird, his dog Sgt. Pepper at his side. A Founding Father, a real father and lover, Rick leaves his godson Shanti and his lover of 20 years, Sean (with whom he raised Shanti). Ric was a cornerstone of the early alternative movement in The City. He was an Angel-of-Life-Rainbow-Family-Gay-Hippie! His influence helped to create the San Francisco of diversity we know today.

He met Sean Roherty at Fanny's in 1973 and together they found Yosemite and each other and Family. Everything in their lives changed each time they went to Yosemite. Ric spoke to the mountains and they answered him. He taught his family a reverence and love for those mountains, nature, the Rainbow Tribe and Native Americans and their land. This foundation led Ranger Ric to become a Rainbow Warrior and was a leader each year at the Rainbow Family gathering. Ric taught patience, understanding and love and lived his beliefs. His gentle but sure leadership and the patient effort he always gave teaching unconditional love are sorely missed.

This gentle giant gave new meaning to live and let live by caring deeply for all nature and its wonder and those he met along the journey. His advice is now no doubt sought by the Great Spirit! Ric is survived by mother Miriam; Sean, who cared for him before his death; brother Barry; sister Cheryl; Dennis, Gilbert, Cleve, John, Blossom, and Alan. His family wishes to thank the wonderful staff of caregivers at Garden Sullivan Hospital for their kind work for Ric at the end. Good stories and hope, and on to another gentle journey! ▼

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Julio Alberto Piedfort

August 5, 1950-March 25, 1993

Julio came to us from Rosario, Argentina in 1968 and lived most of his American years in San Francisco.

Our dear friend was a Renaissance Man; his sensibilities found sustenance in the beauty of art, the meaning of history, and the paradox of philosophy. A spiritual person, Julio spent his life trying to understand and articulate the mysteries of this life journey. His complexity may be characterized as living, sensitive, imperious, generous, hilarious, intelligent, shy... He loved the sun and the water; he indulged in conversation and quiet moments with friends.

Julio's ashes were tenderly laid to rest among rose petals, calla lilies, and spring flowers in the glorious environs of Yosemite. We wish Julio reunion with all those who have gone on before him... but most of all, we wish him love and peace. ▼

Kevin Brew

April 7, 1950-March 28, 1993

Kevin was born in Queens, NY, and always said that he had the combined tempers of his Irish father and Italian mother. That he did, and there isn't a one of us who didn't catch it one time or other for not shaping up to his expectations. But beneath the occasional bluster was a big heart, generous nature, and an infectious delight in color, texture, and form that he abundantly lavished on his



friends through collages and wondrously decorated envelopes.

With the openness of a child, Kevin was most at home in the now vanished time of flower children relating freely with each other and the world. So the careerism and materialism of the 80s left him behind with and idealism out of sync with a consumer society.

Kevin often longed for a broad shoulder to lean on. He found one at last when his ashes were scattered on an accepting green shoulder of Mt. Tam looking back across the shining sea toward the magical city on the Golden Gate he loved so much.

If he were able, Kevin would thank all those who helped along the way: nurses Beth and Tina; Shanti volunteers, especially Trevor; his loving sister Marie, who was with him at the beginning and the end; friends Dick, Dan, Steve, Stephanie, Michael, Neil, Michael, Dennis, Janice, Nancy, Dennis, Joe, and Richard who did what they could. ▼

David Henry Amell

Sept. 18, 1953-March 27, 1993

The morning of March 27, David lost his battle with AIDS, ending a long stay at Davies Hospital. David was born in Cobleskill, N.Y. and attended Albany State, earning a B.S. in mathematics. After teaching math and swimming in Richmondville, N.Y., for several years, he moved to San Francisco and began his career with Fibernia Bank. He later became a technical writer with Federal Home Loan Bank, until his retirement was necessary in June, 1992.

David's greatest enjoyment came from his involvement with synchronized swimming. As a coach for the S.F. Merionettes he helped lead his team to national competition. A Senior National Judge and Grand Masters Champion, David won the recognition of his peers. With his passing, David has left Gary, his lover of ten years; dear friends Patrick and Diane, always to be grateful for his love, caring, and most of all his exuberant smile.

His parents, Mary and Clifford Amell; sisters Katherine and Susan; brothers Fred, Steven, and James gave him great comfort by travelling to his side in his final days. Their presence helped ease David's transition to eternity. Donations in David's memory may be made to any AIDS organization involved with AIDS education. An informal open house will be held on Sunday, April 18th. Call Gary 621-1998 for information. ▼

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Roy A. Uribe

1956-1993

On his birthday, April 3, we celebrated the life of our dear friend and brother Roy. In the rolling hills of Sonoma County, where his spirit will rest, friends and family gathered to remember him and plant a flaming liquid amber maple tree as a testimonial to that spirit.

Born in Yucatan, Mexico, Roy spent many years in San Francisco where he was influential in the dance music scene of the '70s and '80s. He was featured as lightman at a number of disco extravaganzas of that time and worked as manager of top 25 disc jockey association.

In 1989 he moved back to Southern California to be close to his family. During the past four years he continued his career in record promotion as co-owner of Pacific Coast DJ Association, where he worked until his death.

We will always remember his smile and love of life. Roy remains a special friend to those who were lucky enough to know him.

GOODBYE DEAR FRIEND! ▼

Ken Dunnigan

April 6, 1993

Kenneth Paul Dunnigan, 46, of Washington, D.C. and Conciville, VA, died of AIDS-related lymphoma on Tuesday, April 6, 1993 at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

He was a long-time resident of San Francisco.

Ken graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University in 1969. He completed medical school at the University



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ty of California San Diego in 1973. While completing a residency in pediatric medicine at Duke University Medical Center, he obtained a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina in 1976. In 1986, Ken received a fellowship in adolescent health at the University of Minnesota.

In 1983, Ken began directing Health Center One, a medical clinic in the Castro District, where he was instrumental in developing the first HIV antibody test site in the nation. There, he was also an early leader in the promotion of primary HIV care and prevention. From 1987 to 1989, Ken was the medical director at the Larkin Street Youth Center, a community-based agency serving homeless and runaway youth.

Ken moved to Washington, DC, in 1989 to work for AIDScom, an AIDS project for the Academy of Education Development, where he pioneered AIDS awareness, education and prevention training for health care workers throughout Africa.

Ken collected stamps and African art. He also contributed generously to many gay causes.

In addition to Gary Sandy, Ken is survived by his father, Kenneth H. Dunnigan of Encinitas, CA; three godchildren, Jonathan Summers of Larbert, Scotland; Sara Ely of Santa Rosa; and Anders Aughey of St. Paul, MN.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Health Center One, 3850 17th Street at Noe.

Contributions in his name can be made to the Kenneth Dunnigan Memorial Fund at the Larkin Street Youth Center, 1044 Larkin St., San Francisco, CA 94109. ▽

Dennis Mitchell

April 6, 1993

"I've had a great life," he said. "I've loved and have been loved, adventured and succeeded, suffered and smiled. I guess I've just about done it all."



Dennis peacefully passed away on April 6, snuggled in the arms of his little brother Scott and his dear friend Michael, after his courageous struggle with AIDS. His spirit lives on in our hearts. The true and lasting spirit that made him such a caring son and brother, such a loyal, good friend is eternal.

Dennis was a lover. He loved being alive, and walked through his life tall and proud, compassionate and kind. There will never be another life like his. He loved his work and poured his heart, soul and boundless creative energy into it. Never again will there be stores like Old Gold, and Bucks.

He loved his family, who stood by him in loving support throughout his wonderful life and devastating illness. He loved his friends and stood by them, always there, generous, sweet and strong.

There will never be another man like Dennis. We will celebrate his life and mourn his passing on Sunday, April 18, at the Swedenborgian Church, 2107 Lyon Street, at 7:00 p.m. ▽

Paul Dubois

1951-1993

Paul DuBois gifted musician, songwriter, singer, and honest frolicking muse, died March 18th at Zen Hospice from AIDS.



Born in Newport, RI, raised in Waterbury CT and graduated JFK High School. Came to San Francisco in 1974. Rejoiced. Paul's love was song. He played guitar flat singing heartfelt tunes at Valencia Rose and La Bodega.

He also danced, painted, wrote songs and played incredible percussion drum machine. He mesmerized audiences with "Musings," at the Marsh, and "Confessions," at Shotwell Studios. He stole the show at Living Sober with his "Wicked Witch of Dysfunction."

Trademark Paul wore Gypsy head bandana, western but sissy, and New Age earrings, stretch tank tops, muscular arms, robust dancing legs, playful smile and reassuring grin.

Paul personally encouraged a rainbow of friends. Fell in love with Fernando dying of AIDS. "You helped me to get to know myself thru tears..."

Mimicked to entertain friends with Church Lady, Tallulah Darling, Betsey Brutal, Faint Marilyn, Drooling Pat, and Joan Rivers: "Oh Grow Up!"

Paul is survived by his mother, Louise DuBois; brother John; sister Ann Marie Gilley and pet cockatiel Billy Boy.

Donations can be made to Open Hand, Family Link, and Zen Hospice. The most important thing is LOVE. ▽

James M. Metros

January 21, 1993

James M. Metros, a former high school instructor and weaver, died at his home on Thursday, Jan. 21, of a pulmonary failure. He was 63.

Mr. Metros retired from the San Francisco Unified School District after some 25 years of distinguished service. He taught at Mission, Woodrow Wilson, and J. Eugene McAteer High Schools in San Francisco. Also a weaver, Mr. Metros created both traditional and non-traditional loom-based textile art. He was active in Bay Area handweavers associations and exhibited his work throughout the 1980s.

Born in Michigan, Mr. Metros attended the University of Michigan, where he completed a BA in Literature and MA in Education.

He is survived by his mother, Constance Metros, of Hermosa Beach; sister Dorothy Metros, of Manhattan Beach, CA. He was preceded in death in 1987 by his companion, Bernard Guenther.

Contributions in Mr. Metros' name may be made to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation or Shanti. ▽

Val Valentine

April 4, 1993

Val was an artist, woodworker, baker, botanist, geologist, naturalist, musician, tailor, bonsai expert, astrologer, musical historian, gardener, ice skater and florist. He spoke French with a western New York accent, and loved London and Venice as much as he loved Dvorak, Debussy and Schubert. His house was full of angel-images and sculptures, as well as real ones. He told us of his life, complained quite a bit, and listened to our stories, while he shaped our hair into the cuts, curls, and colors befitting the fashions of the last 20 years.

Val favored cats, kids, strawberries, cigarettes, Yosemite, muscular thighs, and ice cream. He was our confidant, friend, and partner in life. He was a gift to us all, and will not be forgotten during our own journeys. His partner Kevin, Ruth-Anne, and Wesley will miss him the most. He died peacefully at home on April 4, 1993, Palm Sunday, surrounded by the loving family he created with his enormous heart, beautiful smile, and hearty laugh.

Memorial services will be held on April 17 at St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church Street, at 4 p.m. Please make donations to HomeCare Companions, Kairos House, or Project Open Hand. ▽

Douglas Keith Runte

June 7, 1956-March 1, 1993

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A reception will be held on May 1 in San Francisco. Please call 826-5417. Contributions can be made in Doug's name to the Shanti Project.

Remember the tiny valentines. ▽

Bruce Troutfetter

July 23, 1956-March 23, 1993

My treasured lover died at home in



the garden that we created together. He will be missed by all those who knew him and shared his love.

Bruce's creativity was apparent in his costume and flower designs, as well as in his

business of six years, Citywide Landscape Maintenance, which he took great pride in. His joy of cooking and hosting lavish dinner parties with the finest in cuisine gave Bruce great pleasure. He was as beautiful in person as he was in spirit with his sly green eyes, curly black hair and devilish smile.

Bruce is survived by his parents, Jack and Eileen; sister Linda; brothers Ken and Don. Bruce has a large group of friends who loved him dearly: Carol, Denny, Ben, Bridgette, Tom, Curtis, Brenda, Randy, John, Mark, Jeff, Michael, Dennis, Ron, and many other wonderful people to whom he brought his warmth, generosity and joy.

Our home grew bright with the love and affection Bruce showered on me and our cats, Goomba, King, Kong and Sammie. I was lucky to have enjoyed the time I had with this extraordinary man.

I will love and miss him forever. Phillip Torrence.

Contributions may be made to the AIDS organization of your choice. ▽

Lawrence Grabowski

June 7, 1946-April 7, 1993

Lawrence (Larry) Grabowski died April 7, 1993 at General Hospital in San Francisco, at 5:30 a.m.

He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, and came to San Francisco in 1970. He is survived by his parents, Pauline and Joseph; three brothers, and four sisters.

He worked as an L.V.N. at convalescent homes in San Rafael, Oakland, and hospitals in Oakland and San Francisco. He will be missed by many friends and associates throughout the Bay Area. His lover for nine years, Steven Kennan, passed away two years ago. ▽

Robert J. Emch

December 22, 1993

Robert J. Emch died peacefully at his home in Reno, Nevada, Dec. 22, 1992, after a long battle with AIDS. He is survived by his mother and father, Dorothy and Bud Stagg, of Kino Bay, Mexico; brother Bill of Whittier, CA; and lover Randy.

Robert was born in Whittier, CA, in 1950 and worked for the phone company in Southern California before transferring to Bay Area in the late 60s. He lived in the Bay Area until transferring with his lover to Reno in 1985. He was active in the Silver Dollar Court and the Reno Hellions. Bob will be missed by his many friends, both in Reno and San Francisco. He will be remembered as "H.B." by those of us who loved him most.

Love, Randy. ▽

John Kelly

April 1, 1993

John Kelly, 45, the unofficial "Mayor of North Berkeley," founder of Gertie's Chesapeake Bay Cafe in Berkeley and most recently the manager of Saul's Restaurant and Delicatessen, died Thursday, April 1, at his home in Oakland surrounded by his loving family and friends. The cause of death was AIDS.

Kelly held the unusual honor of being a first-rate deli to the Bay Area. Under his guidance, the food not only improved, but with street and subway signs, photographs from the Lower East Side and table-side Egg Cream Dreams, he brought the atmosphere of New York to Berkeley Gourmet Ghetto.

Kelly, who came to the Bay Area from the Bronx, New York, 20 years ago, applied his Irish touch to more than Jewish food. Working with his close

friend, chef John Shields, he first ran La Carte, a tiny French restaurant whose East Coast seafood dishes won quick popularity and widespread praise.

Kelly, with his warmth, humor and vast memory for names and faces, ran the dining room while Shields cooked.

Kelly was a member of the board of directors of the Berkeley Symphony and the Berkeley Repertory Theater's Backstagers. He is survived by his longtime companion Shields; devoted cousin Mary McGowan; parents, John and Honora Kelly of the Bronx; brothers Harold and James; sisters Ann,

Maureen, Kathleen, and Honora.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m., Sunday, April 18th, at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalist, 1606 Bonita Avenue at Cedar Street in Berkeley.

A mass Christian burial was celebrated at St. Raymond's Catholic Church in the Bronx, Wednesday, April 7.

Contributions in his memory can be made to the Center for AIDS Services, 5720 Shattuck Ave., Oakland, CA 94609. Cards for the family can be sent to Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, 962 Van Nest Ave., Bronx, New York 10462. ▽

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It all began in Portland, Oregon, in 1952, growing up with mother, Carol; sister Cheryl; and brother Scott.



Upon graduation from cooking school at City College in S.F., the adventure began as he became a flight attendant for Eastern Airlines in Miami. Traveling to Europe, the South Pacific, Africa, and the Caribbean became the norm.

He and his friend Harry moved to S.F. in the summer of 1974 with a U-Haul, cats Egbert and Toffee, and ten mice. He opened and closed Liberty House, making friends for life.

He then moved to Santa Fe with his now departed lover, Marcello, to start a thriving catering business. We'll never forget disco nights at the Galleria, Indiana St. Barbecues, the ghost house next door, Santa Fe Fourth of July parties, hot tub in the snow, the river, dogs Morton and Hattie, cats Bjorn and Steven. Most of all we'll never forget Harry, Lynne, 3 Sues, 2 Toms, Patti, and Paula. ▼

L.A. Mayor Race Offers Choice As Riordan, Woo, Woo Voters

by Karen Ocamb

On April 20 Los Angeles voters will decide which one of the lesbian and gay community's strongest friends — City Councilmembers Michael Woo, Joel Wachs or Assemblymember Richard Katz — will face businessman Richard Riordan in a June run-off election.

Why Riordan? Money.

As of April 3, Riordan's campaign chest was \$4.2 million — \$1.2 million from donations, mostly \$1,000 checks from his targeted conservative San Fernando Valley, Westside, and Harbor-area constituents. The other \$3 million, according to records reviewed and reported on by the *Los Angeles Times*, Riordan gave himself.

Riordan's a very rich businessman, leading to charges he's trying to buy the elec-

tion. His campaign officials say he has to outspend his closest opponents because as elected officials they are better-known. Riordan's efforts to boost his name recognition have bombarded L.A.: a plethora of street signs; massive, high-gloss mailings; and TV commercials — in the Original Pantry restaurant, which he owns, decked out in white protective gear to equate him with science and technology, and pointing out that he saved Barbie Doll by helping restructure Mattel Toys.

But Riordan ran into trouble over Barbie at a public mayoral forum broadcast on KCET, the local PBS station, on April 2. Richard Katz could barely contain himself after Riordan once again claimed that the restructuring "created jobs for everybody." "Mattel was saved but the

jobs went to Mexico," Katz said, indicating that 250 workers were laid off in 1987 after Mattel's L.A. operation was shut down and manufacturing was transferred to Mexico.

"You're absolutely wrong," Riordan replied, trying to wave him off. "That was way before I got involved with Mattel." Two days later, Riordan's campaign chairman Bill Wardlaw conceded to the *Times* that indeed his boss had been involved with the cost-cutting decision. "Those are the kind of tough decisions that now need to be made by our politicians," he said.

Lesbians and gays acknowledge that there is nothing new about politicians fudging the truth and that tough decisions are in order to revitalize the city. But, they are asking, who will be mak-

ing those tough decisions and will they have any say in the decision-making process? They are mindful that while Riordan looks and sounds seductively like an older, "Mr. Fix-it" Ross Perot-type, when he first entered the race, Riordan didn't know what APLA stood for or what AIDS Project Los Angeles does.

So between his money and the name recognition that can buy, Riordan will probably win a spot in the run-offs. But who should the lesbian/gay community support? Who has the best chance to beat Riordan in June?

Mike Woo, most lesbians and gays have concluded. Why? Money, youth, and the very thing Riordan does not seem to have: grassroots support. As of April 3 Woo raised \$2.6 for his campaign coffers — a tad more than half of what Riordan "raised." But Woo outstripped Katz's collection of \$1.8 and Wachs' \$1 million.

Woo closed the gap slightly with money on hand as of April 8: Riordan had \$1.4 million; Woo had \$1.35; Katz had \$115,700 (as of April 3); and Wachs had \$25,313 with hopes of raising more by offering some of his prestigious art collection for campaign contributions.

In his new ads, Woo is already starting to take on Riordan, showing pictures of himself with President Bill Clinton surveying last year's riot damage while pointing to Riordan's hearty endorsement from former President Reagan.

Also in contrast to Riordan, Woo has a record of specific achievements in helping the lesbian and gay community — from setting up the first ever meeting between the community and Police Chief Willie Williams at the old Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, to helping the Center get financial backing to purchase and move into their new home in Hollywood. He's promised to have openly lesbian and gay people on his staff and to name openly lesbian and gay people to powerful Commission spots, including the Police Commission.

Additionally, Woo may have found a way to beef up the office of the city's AIDS Coordinator, which has been struggling with lack of funding and assistance. Woo says he'll place the AIDS Coordinator in the Mayor's office for greater visibility, power, and assistance. For all these reasons, L.A.-based *Frontiers* magazine endorsed Woo.

But perhaps greater than Woo's specific promises to the gay community is the promise he brings to the city as a whole. It is the promise of multiculturalism. As an Asian man who stood up to former LAPD Chief Daryl Gates, Woo has earned the respect of African-Americans and the endorsement of the city's best-read black and Latino newspapers. And he certainly is a beacon of hope to the Asian community, suggesting that their sons and daughters can grow up to be anything they want to be. ▼

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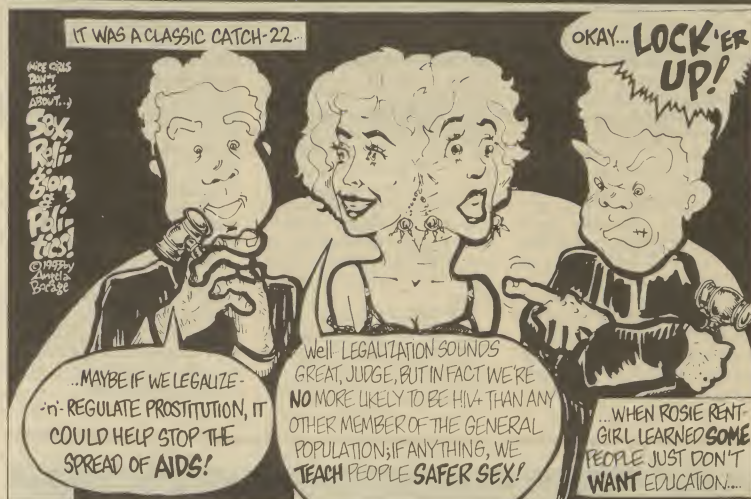
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An Immodest Proposal

by Michael C. Botkin

San Francisco City Supervisor Terrence Hallinan recently proposed that, as a health measure to fight AIDS, prostitution be legalized. Although this proposal was shot down almost immediately by the combined objections of the mayor, the Department of Public Health, and, ironically, by the prostitutes themselves, it is rare enough that notions as sane and reasonable as Hallinan's get considered at all, and thus it's worthy of some further examination.

Commentary

Not long ago Mayor Jordan declared a "state of emergency" to allow the legalization of needle exchanges. Current drug laws prohibit distributing clean needles (a proven method for slowing the spread of HIV), but the local group Prevention Point has been doing it for years. When a somewhat over-enthusiastic district attorney dragged them into court for it, Prevention Point made a "necessity defense," arguing that obeying the law would mean that people would die otherwise preventable deaths.

Not only did the jury acquit them, but three jurors, including the foreman, subsequently joined Prevention Point!

So a stalemate ensued. Needle exchangers couldn't be arrested, but neither could they receive city or state funding. A bill legalizing needle exchange has been wandering lost in the state Legislature for a couple of years now, supported by a majority but blocked by Governor "Sneaky Pete" Wilson.

When Jordan ran for mayor a year-and-a-half ago (I know, I know: it certainly feels like he's been around far longer than that) he promised to declare a "state of emergency" in order to decriminalize and fund needle exchange. He stalled a year, hoping that revision in state law would make it unnecessary, but finally did it last month as a sop to the gay and lesbian community — because he's planning to screw us over on Supervisor Achtenberg's replacement, which we, of course, want to be another lesbian.

If a "state of emergency" can be declared to legalize

needle exchange and so fight AIDS, Hallinan asked, why not do the same to decriminalize prostitution?

Disease-infested plague-carriers?

It's clear why the mayor was cool to the idea. His administration has been plagued by scandal, confusion, and — particularly — charges of sexual harassment. The last thing he wants is another sex controversy this early in his administration.

The Department of Public Health was also surprisingly unsympathetic to Hallinan's proposal. They challenged the popular but inaccurate notion that prostitutes are a major "vector" of AIDS. The fact of the matter is that prostitutes are often recipients of HIV (usually via injection drug use rather than sex) but rarely pass it on. Prostitutes are actually far more likely than any other group of women to practice — and insist that their partner's practice — safe sex.

They backed up this claim with statistics. Only two percent of the city's prostitutes, they say, are HIV-positive. This, DPH pointed out, is not significantly different from the rate found in the city's general population. What's more, even this moderate rate is inflated by a sub-group of prostitutes: transsexuals, 10 percent of whom are HIVers. (They didn't say this, but presumably many of these women acquired HIV during their previous incarnations as gay men).

Since prostitutes aren't spreading AIDS, only getting it, DPH concludes, there is no reason to decriminalize sex work.

Are you following the logic here? If prostitutes were in fact disease-infested plague-carriers, then it would make sense to decriminalize their profession in order to protect the innocent citizens who patronize them. But since they aren't spreading AIDS, and in fact pose no risk to the public health, they should remain illegal and persecuted!

Finally, a prostitutes' organization objected that Hallinan's plan would, by clustering them together, make prostitutes an easy target for wandering weirdos of either the fundamentalist or pervert varieties.

Bordellos for the ballpark

Despite these diverse objections I believe there is

room here for a viable compromise that satisfies all parties. Let's establish de facto bordellos: controlled and run by their own workers, given generous health services by the city, and taxed out the wazoo.

Street solicitation is always going to be somewhat risky, and NIMBY types always object to streetwalkers on their own block. Organizing houses makes for a safer, more comfortable, and less obtrusive environment.

The generous provision of health services by the city could always be justified as a service to the working girls (until such time as the Clintons deliver universal health care) if not to the customers. Realities of AIDS transmission aside, patrons are sure to feel better about workers who are part of an established and accountable concern.

The police might object that this is twisting the law. But they've shown themselves plenty ready to ignore it themselves when it comes to prostitution. The SFPD's recent declaration of "no solicitation" zones, with enhanced penalties for women arrested on the most popular business streets, is clearly a violation of the Constitution according to the ACLU.

My proposal merely bends the stick in the other direction. We won't change the law, just overlook enforcing it in this particular situation out of regard for public health and the common good.

The crux of the matter, of course, is what to do with the no doubt substantial tax revenue these new institutions will generate. Should it be spent, like the lottery money, on the schools? I think not; let's face it, in this state the schools are already a lost cause. And what kind of message would it send California's kids if they found out that their text-books were paid for by whores, after their parents refused to pay realistic property taxes?

Should we use the wind-fall to fund more firepersons or police? Well, spontaneous combustion is actually the cutting edge of urban redevelopment and, at least in my neighborhood, cops are considered something of a mixed blessing.

No, there's only one thing which the masses of this city truly desire: a ballpark. Dedicate the bordello tax to building a new stadium for the Gi-

ants and every voter west of Twin Peaks will endorse it. If Jordan balks, don't accuse him of writing off the whores, but rather of stalling the ballpark and he'll back off pronto. Between the liberals who are sympathetic to the working girls and the sports fans who would sell their grandmothers for a new stadium,

we'll have an unstoppable majority.

My immodest proposal would reduce street crime, improve working conditions, generate revenue, and stimulate (ahem) the tourist trade. "Bordellos for the Ballpark" may not be the answer to all our problems, but it would be a step in the right direction. ▼

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over the phone that the Hepatitis B shots are safe. "The problem of not having shots results in Carcinoma of the liver, which is cancer. Babies have died of Hepatitis B," added Carlson.

Both Carlson and Lisa Shaw, public health information officer for the Alaska Social and Health Services, confirmed to the B.A.R. that the Alaskan Native Medical Center order Hepatitis B vaccines directly from the federal government, while the state of Alaska orders vaccines for general physician from another

source — which they would not divulge.

Larry Merculieff, an Aleut, is city manager for the city of Saint Paul on Saint Paul Island in Alaska. A member of the Task Force on Rural Water and Sewer, he described the conditions that have led to concern about Hepatitis in the state. "63 percent of Alaska's villages — 200 villages — do not have flush toilets," he told the B.A.R. "104 villages use honey buckets, which are buckets with plastic lining, or outhouses. 60 percent of these villages lack water hookups."

Problem people

Even so, many Alaskan natives

believe inoculation is unnecessary and far too potentially dangerous for such wide scale programs. Dr. Kalokerinos describes, in *The Vaccination Dilemma*, his frustration and dismay at the medical establishment's practices and attitudes: "Deliberate attempts have been made to allow infants under my care to die. The real authorities don't want these infants to live. The real intention on the part of the authorities is genocide."

In his Australian practice, Kalokerinos refuses to vaccinate infants who are already sick, and since 1967 has treated sick babies only with vitamin C and improved nutrition.

Since then, he said, the death rate has dropped, and there have been no illness-related deaths of babies under his care. (There have been deaths due to accidents such as drowning, but not illness.) Kalokerinos also said he suspects "Crib Death" (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) occurs as a result of delayed vaccine reactions. He claims to have seen people susceptible to heart problems drop over dead from vaccine inoculations.

One Alaska native, Virgil John, recalled his own experience with a government-issued vaccine for the B.A.R. "I received a shot, while incarcerated,

for Hepatitis A or B, they didn't explain which one," he said. "They told me the shot was mandatory. I signed a paper and received a shot. Then I caught Hepatitis A. Now I refuse all medications. I feel great. I eat my natural foods. They'll put us in jail for getting our own food."

"If we complain, they see us as problem people, because we are standing up for our health."

"It was after all the people received shots that many people got sick. I guess the shot weakened our bodies so we caught the disease. That's the only shot we took, [the Hepatitis] and that's the only disease we got afterward. ▼

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The following person is doing business as TALLAC ENGINEERING, 3675 20th St., San Francisco, CA 94110; WILLIAM ASHLEY HARRISON, 3675 20th St., San Francisco, CA 94110. Registrant commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date April 1, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed WILLIAM HARRISON.

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 1993. L-173028

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173232

The following person is doing business as TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN, 1310 Turk St., San Francisco, CA 94115; RAFAEL CABRERA, 1310 Turk St., #606, San Francisco, CA 94115. Registrant commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date April 8, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed RAFAEL CABRERA.

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 1993. L-173232

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 950399

IN SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO. In the matter of the application of (JOE EVERETT JONES) for change of name. The application of (JOE EVERETT JONES) for change of name, having been filed in the Court, and it appearing from said application that (JOE EVERETT JONES) has filed an application proposing that (HIS) name be changed to (GIUSEPPE LEONARDO MASELLI). Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department (K-1) on the 11TH day of MAY 1993 at 9:00 o'clock AM, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the BAY AREA REPORTER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the day of said hearing. Dated this 23rd day of MARCH, 1993.

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 1993. L-950399

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 172975

The following person is doing business as JOHN STEVEN SOWLE, 141 Albion St., San Francisco, CA 94110; JOHN STEVEN SOWLE, 141 Albion St., San Francisco, CA 94110. Registrant commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date February 26, 1986. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Signed JOHN SOWLE.

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 1993. L-172975

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 173179

The following person is doing business as OUTLOUD TELEVISION, 3677 22nd St., San Francisco, CA 94114; MAUREEN LYNNE BAREND, 3677 22nd St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Registrant commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date April 17, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed MAUREEN L. BAREND.

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In the Habit

by Tim Farrell

A week from Sunday, Gay America will descend on the capitol for the March on Washington. The nation will be watching. Corn farmers in Nebraska; blue collar workers in the Rust Belt; retirees in Florida; churchgoers at Jerry Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia; our parents, brothers, sisters, and relatives will all be watching.

But what will they see? What *should* they see?

That depends on who you ask. A fierce debate recently erupted within the gay community over just what kind of images should be projected from the Washington stage into the living rooms of Middle America.

Sister Act

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, for one, are frustrated. The nuns want to appear on the stage to voice their support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender rights. Recently, however, the Executive Committee for the March on Washington revoked its invitation to the Sisters to appear onstage, indicating (according to the Sisters) that the nuns are "too controversial and not the appropriate image" the Committee hopes to project.

The Executive Committee

"The black movement sold out [black] cultural heritage and identity to be just like the dominant majority. Gay people are going down the same road."

—Sister X



Beth Kukucka's *Death of the Angels*, 1992

could not be reached regarding the Sisters' allegations. But Sister Vicious Power Hungry Bitch (Ken Bunch) reportedly arrived at an impasse with the Committee several weeks ago which may ultimately have sealed the Sister's fate, creating a schism the March Committee now attributes to "personal differences." Ken Bunch was unavailable for comment in the preparation of this story, since the Sisters insist that all official statements come only from Sister X, the press contact for the organization.

The Dilemma

On both sides, the arguments are familiar. Many gays and lesbians understand that, in order to change the laws, we must win the widespread support of the American people. To win that support, some argue, we must tailor our image to conform as closely as possible to what straight America considers acceptable and "normal."

Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen, in the book *After the Ball: How America Will Conquer Its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the '90s*, have

been the gay community's most vocal proponents of assimilationist tactics. "When you're very different, and people hate you for it," they argue, "this is what you do: first you get your foot in the door by being as *similar* as possible; then, and only then — when your one little difference is finally accepted — can you start dragging in your other peculiarities, one by one. You hammer in the wedge narrow end first. 'Fringe' gay groups ought to have the tact to withdraw voluntarily from public appearance at gay parades, marches, and rallies, but they don't seem to care whether they fatally compromise the rest of us."

Sister X, Mistress of Media for the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, abhors assimilationism. Even more, she is furious with "conservative gay white boys" such as Kirk and Madsen, gay Republicans, and the March Committee, the likes of whom she says, "have shoved us out of camera range and trivialized our issues by saying that we're an embarrassment, that we're a shame, that we're men in

clothes and makeup who have no ideas, no issues, and no way to validate ourselves, that we're an Achilles heel to the movement. I want to puke when I hear that."

The nuns accuse gay conservatives of forgetting Stonewall. "Transgenders of color began the modern movement for lesbian and gay rights at the Stonewall Transgender Riots of 1969," Sister X insists. "If we throw that part of our culture out because we think it offends straight people, we are fools. What do we really have if we conform to this heterosexist image of who we are? Aren't we back in the closet again pretending to be what they want us to be? Yeah, we're going to Washington, but on whose terms? Yes, Clinton is willing to embrace gay people, but is it on his terms? Do we have to clone ourselves in the image of Bill and Hillary? Or is it going to be on our terms so we can say, 'this is who we are, this is the rich diversity of our community, this is the beautiful texture of our community.' Harvey Milk always said: 'we all go, or we don't go.'"

Second of Two Sections

Begging to Differ

Other gays disagree with the use of genderbending and drag as a political tactic, although they acknowledge the role transgenders played in the early days of the gay liberation movement. "They were the spark that lit the fire," admits Darrin Smolinski, a moderate gay Republican in the primary race for California's 17th Congressional District.

"But in order for that fire to be spread, we need messengers who seem more acceptable to Middle America. I understand the early advances that were made. But those advances were made on

" 'Fringe' gay groups ought to have the tact to withdraw voluntarily from public appearance at gay parades, marches, and rallies, but they don't seem to care whether they fatally compromise the rest of us."

— Hunter Madsen

the East Coast and on the West Coast. What we're battling for now is what's in the middle. Those [Stonewall] tactics influenced our coast and the East, but they will not influence the voters in Indiana. We have to realize the demographics are different, the values are different.

"If we're going to make a serious effort to expand equal rights," Smolinski adds, "we have to face *political* reality. Political reality says you put forth your argument as positively as possible and you minimize issues that detract from the argument. In this case, if we have a half a million people [in Washington], what are the images the press will focus on — mainstream gays, or differences in the crowd? We have to realize how media images impact on the issue. Is this a march for our civil rights, or is it a parade to celebrate our diversity? If we're going to celebrate diversity, then we should be inclusionary, but if we're marching for our civil rights, we have to put forth a positive image. Equal housing, job discrimination, ending the military ban — that's what needs to be on the six o'clock news."

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OutThere

The Annals of Queerdom

by Robert Julian and Orland Outland

Hot flash from the club scene — Cyclops is dead and **Gus Bean** has departed in a particularly acrimonious last act swan song. One thing is for sure, if the stories of the Bean's last days were an episode from *The Untouchables*, Bean would not be in the Elliot Ness role. Saturday nights at Cyclops will be spinning out of control. Reportedly, proceeds from the door continued to drop until things came to a very ugly conclusion last week. This Saturday, Cyclops will be closed. New managers are on-line and they should be taking over in a few weeks. The big winner: Product. Bean didn't make a lot of friends in his short tenure with the Sound Factory organization, and it may be tough to put together a new Saturday night that draws party queers away from more user-friendly watering holes.

Need we say more? The pictures on the right are from a catalog from the aptly named B.S. Enterprises, for their new product, "Gaytoos" (tm). Not pictured are scorpions, dragons, and panthers with pink triangles on odd parts of their bodies; faux-Superman logos; a clone with angel's wings in the colors of the gay flag; Freedom Rings; and one token "lesbian" tattoo: Rosie the Riveter. Say what? The only proof that these people have been out to a bar in the '90s is a set of abstract tattoos that try to look "primitive" — and fail. Gaytoos are temporary tattoos advertised as "Fun, safe and easy ... the way life should

be." We might add to this, "For those afraid to commit ... to anything!"

Last week's OutThere item on **Governor Ann Richards** is now followed by a feature in the May issue of *HG (House and Garden for the uninitiated)*. Ms. Ann describes herself as a "single working person" who is reportedly followed by a "loyal band of writers and artists." The story on the renovation of the governor's mansion includes a photo of Richards with **Lily Tomlin**. The governor practically outs herself with the remark, "What I needed was a governor's wife." But in practice, Richards settled for a more traditional option: she had the mansion's closets expanded.

The *Village Voice's* **Michael Musto** has exposed **Mickey Rooney** as an old queen in a straight man's body. Mickey's cabaret act includes his drag impersonation of **Jean Arthur**, his medley in memoriam to **Judy Garland**, and the news that



A matched pair of Gaytoos — think about it and you'll figure it out

Wallace Beery tried to molest the little rascal when he was a kid.

Joan Rivers' Gossip! Gossip! reveals that **Sean Young** attended a big Oscar night party with two dates: her boyfriend and "a young lady." She spent a considerable amount of time out on the dance floor fox-trotting with the lady. Until now, Young has had a spotless reputation as an insatiable heterosexual.

But it took an anonymous phone call to OutThere from Seattle to get us to pick up *USA Today*. Last Friday, **Jeannie Williams' column** downplayed the real story on **Mel Gibson's** recent Manhattan paparazzi-bashing episode. Gibson, accompanied only by his 'bodyguard' (remember Costner and Houston?), spent a few hours at a private party at Tatou. Upon their 2 a.m. exit, Williams reports the bodyguard punched a photographer who tried to snap their picture. When Mad Max and his companion jumped into a cab, the actor "hid his head in his protector's lap." And when the cab got stuck in traffic, the photographer pursued the couple, noticing that "the guard appeared to be stroking Mel's head to calm him."

Next month, the price of the *National Enquirer* and the *Star* climbs to \$1.25 from the current 99 cents. But at least for now, it costs less than a buck to discover that the **Elton John** is taking acting lessons, with the goal in mind of playing **Cole Porter** in a movie. The *Star* reports Elton plans to put up the majority of the film's financing himself, and infamous maker of truly strange films **Ken Russell** is a possible director.



Elton John



Holly Johnson



Sean Young



Luke Perry

"**Luke Perry Moves In With Gay Boy!**" screams the *Globe*. Perry has moved back in with former roommate and "gay drag queen" **Alexis Arquette**, and the producers of *Beverly Hills 90210* are reportedly furious that Perry refuses to play the "clean image" game. Perry reportedly brought Arquette, in drag, as his date to a dinner party, where they referred to themselves as a "couple." Perry is also in trouble for having recently made what the *Globe* calls a "sordid and degenerate art movie," *Red Ripe Trains*, in which he's seen vomiting, rubbing groins with another guy, and being peed on. "I believe it's the best thing I've done," Perry says. You only need to watch one episode of *90210* to know that must be true.

Also in the *Globe*: Former *General Hospital* actor **Christopher Morley** is supporting himself by doing a drag revue in L.A. On *GH*, Morley played both killer cowboy Max and Max's alter ego, sexy bar owner Sally. Though Morley was making \$500 a week at L.A.'s La Cage Aux Folles, he now has to do his show at "the lower class Queen Mary" (a bar) to pay the rent on his "tiny, low rent apartment off Sunset Strip." Still, Morley is glad to be acting, and not "hustling burgers in some fast-food place."

Former Frankie Goes To Hollywood lead singer **Holly Johnson** has come out with his HIV-positive status. According to CNN, Johnson will

not let his diagnosis "drive him into seclusion." We need to know this just as much as we needed to know that **David Drake**, according to the *Chron's* pink section story, is HIV-negative. Since when does parading one's HIV status in the press constitute a meaningful contribution to art — or anything else for that matter?

Holly, Boy George, and **Morrissey** will have to move over. *Details* brings us the story of Britain's **Brett Anderson**, lead singer of Suede, and the newest gay musical icon. Describing himself as "a bisexual man who's never had a homosexual experience," Brett modeled his singing voice on that of diva **Kate Bush**. Suede's Smiths-esque lyrics include "Does your love only come/does he only come in a Volvo?" and "Oh, he is come/He's my insatiable one/He was my inflatable one." Morrissey even covered this song — but for some reason he left out the line about the "inflatable one." Suede's U.S. debut album is now in stores.



Mel Gibson, man with bodyguard

HarpersBazaar breaks the exciting news that **Cameron**, a Hugo Boss model and star of *Madonna's "Express Yourself"* video, is introducing a line of cosmetics for men. Cameron's products include blue-tinted lip gloss, moisturizer, and cover-up. How have we managed all these years without blue lip gloss?

The *B.A.R.'s* **Tim Farrell**, author of this week's cover story on the Sisters, as well as the *succes de scandale* "Viral Apartheid" story, recently won an American Medical Association journalism award for a health opinion column he wrote for *The Daily Pennsylvanian*. Farrell not only received kudos, but cash as well — and it couldn't happen to a nicer guy. ▼

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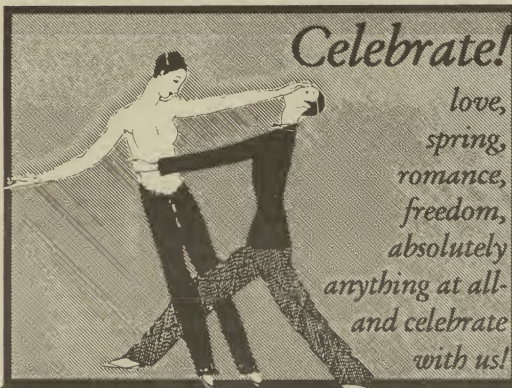
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Going Nowhere at ATA

by Deborah Peifer

Can you say "self-indulgent"? If you can't, the independently produced videos and films to be presented tomorrow night at Artist's Television Access (ATA) will surely cause the term to trip from your tongue. These works, assembled loosely around the theme of "outrageous female violence," are collectively referenced by the program title "You're Afraid of GIRLS?!" Four pieces were available for preview, and assuming as I do that these represent the

best of the fest, the others must be truly wretched.

Handmirror/Brush Set Included is Liz Canning's tribute to the art films of the '60s — the films that warned the viewer not to go "straight" to this movie. Combining short clips from a variety of film and video sources with a bored voice-over and insipid monologue, Canning takes cheap shots at popular culture. Do we really need another film that knocks Barbie dolls? Hasn't this been done — a lot?

I Was a Teenage Serial Killer reminds me of a pretentious music video. Filmed in black and white, with shaky camera work and a grainy sound track, *Killer* has little going for it, save perhaps that the killer is female. I never had any sense that the murderess is becoming empowered by her actions; more than anything else, she seems bored. A teenager picks up strange men and kills them. Director Sarah Jacobson borrows heavily from *9 to 5* and from film noir of the '40s for no appar-

ent reason other than the kind of self-indulgence I mentioned earlier.

Jennifer Gentile's *Corn Smut* at least actually has corn in it, although the smut was strangely invisible to me. At a brisk seven minutes, it wins my prize for the least horrible (read shortest) film in the collection. *Media Darlings*

stopped abruptly (the finished version will be shown at ATA), but from that stopping place there can be nowhere to go, not even up. A talking-head road video by Lise Swenson, *Media*, darlings, is populated by a pistol packin' Valley Girl and her friends. It offers little in the way of insight or interest.

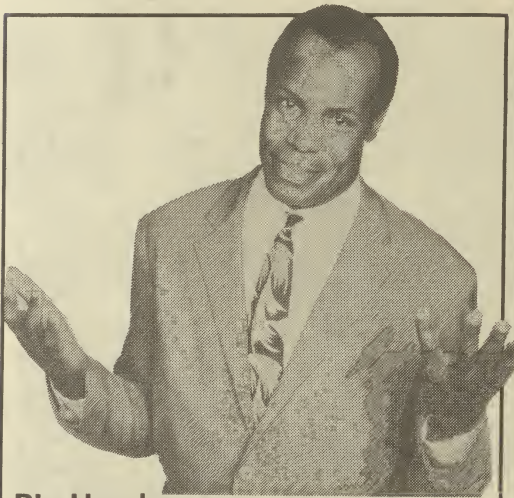
I have always assumed women have a great deal to say on the subject of violence. What a pity these filmmakers chose to say nothing — and to say it in such an uninteresting fashion. ▼

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Ken and doll, from *Handmirror/Brush Set Included* by Liz Canning



Big Hands

Danny Glover, his wife Asake Bomani, and Rupert Garcia will be the guests of honor at the Mexican Museum next week. This special benefit for Mano a Mano, a Latino AIDS/HIV service provider, happens Thursday night, April 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. The \$25 tickets include the gala celebration and the exhibit *Burning Dreams: Selected Works by Carlos Almaraz*. This Chicano artist died of AIDS in 1989. Tickets can be charged by calling Life on the Water at (415) 776-8999.

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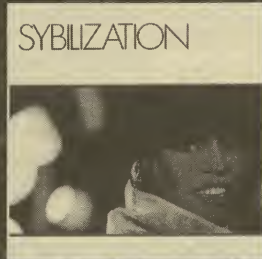
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Justin Chin's 'Somewhere Fudging' at Josie's

Loose Ends

by Chad Jones

Justin Chin's new one-man play, *Somewhere Fudging*, currently playing at Josie's Cabaret, is a curious stir fry: it mixes up bits and pieces of a gay Asian man's search for Mr. Right, throws in a wok-full of cultural differences, seasons it with some spicy dialogue and witty insight, then drowns it in a ketchup/soy sauce morass in the second act that nearly destroys the evening.

The intimate stage at Josie's is an ideal space for what begins as an entertaining journey through one gay man's personal quest for romantic fulfillment. That this man is Asian, specifically Chinese, makes his journey all the more interesting. It is not often that the gay Asian experience is presented on stage,

and if the best parts of *Somewhere Fudging* are any indication, it is a rich experience that deserves a more intricate, more polished examination.

Compared to two other currently running one-man shows, the flaws of *Somewhere Fudging* become all the more clear. David Drake's highly professional monologue *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me* is a good example of subject matter perfectly tailored to the performer. Through all Drake's volatile militancy, in-your-face intensity, and abundant energy, the show's direction and purpose never get lost. Mark Davis' one-man show, *Among My Wigs*, also at Josie's, is another good example of a performer holding a tight rein on his material. In place of Drake's intensity and energy,

you have Davis' campy humor and finely etched characterizations. In both cases the combination of strong writing with an even stronger performance fulfills the basic requirement of a one-man show, which is to create an exciting, personal experience for the audience.

Unrealized Potential

Somewhere Fudging, in spite of a charming, if sometimes unfocused performance by Jesselito Cocjin Bie, doesn't fulfill its potential. When Bie bursts onto the stage wearing a kimono, speaking broken English and addressing an invisible, presumably Caucasian lover, the tone of the evening is set. It is an exaggerated *Madame Butterfly* image that quickly reverts to a more immediately recognizable scene — Bie offers details about rice bars and their clientele: yuppie sharks who pursue Asian prey. He talks about tiring of the dating game and staying home eating Ben & Jerry's in front of the TV. He addresses a fan letter to George Takai, Mr. Sulu himself, and waxes poetic about his parallel life with Sheena Easton. He goes through the familiar motions of encountering an old lover at a cafe, resisting the advances of 12-step groups, and entering the world of queer activism. The Asian angle comes and goes with mentions of "haoles" and "colonists," references to the *Miss Saigon* casting controversy, and some funny moments derived from being one of two Asians at a queer kiss-in.

Thus far, when the show gently blends the more familiar aspects of modern gay life with the not-so-familiar Asian perspective, it is entertaining, often quite funny, and well-performed.

Then things change. The centerpiece of the show is an overly long, completely un-



Jesselito Cocjin Bie

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wilds of Marin where the men call each other by their true animal names such as Wolf, Spider, and Armadillo. The tone of the first half of the show is completely abandoned, and the story becomes a not very interesting narrative about the stupidity and shallowness of the whole Robert Bly approach to men getting in touch with their feelings.

As the longest, most involved piece in the show, the "wild man" episode should somehow tie together everything that has come before it. It should but it doesn't. Rather, it takes the show in a completely different direction. Aside from one *Karate Kid* reference, the Asian perspective is completely lost. Quite simply, this piece belongs in a different show. The real ending of *Somewhere Fudging* has yet to be written. ▼

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PC P.S. B.D.

by Orland Outland

In 1993, it takes a lot of nerve for a man to appear onstage as Bette Davis. Drag has not only become a political act, but the history of drag has been rewritten by revisionist historians to make all past drag acts into political acts. Now it's okay to be RuPaul or SF's own Jerome, a self-invented creature playing his feminized self, but it's not okay to rehash movie stars' bitchy lines, wherein two women tear each other apart, since in doing so you perpetuate misogyny. It is, however, okay to do old-style drag as long as your critics feel they can safely use the dreaded D-word to elevate what you're doing with the material to the level of the politically correct. But Randy Allen's approach to drag manages to satisfy everyone's requirements.

Allen plays a bitchy "Great Lady," full of venomous one-liners about her co-stars, but he plays her as a querulous old bird who is sick (the "P.S." stands for post-stroke), washed-up, and a pain in the ass to be around. The key word here that makes his show different is that he plays her — Allen does not just walk on stage made up to look like Davis, smoke furiously without inhaling (he chain-smoked five cigarettes in an hour), and dish all her former (dead) competition. He portrays Bette Davis as she

would portray herself if she were still alive to do so.

Blanche and Whales

Part of the performance includes the zingers one expects in a drag show about any Hollywood actress. On Joan Crawford's alcoholism: "Those weren't shoulder pads — they were pints of vodka!" On being in *The Whales of August*: "Ann Sothern played the title role." And so on. The observations vary from the familiar to the unexpected; the new and surprising lines can make you laugh out loud. Allen takes a risk by including the audience in the show. Bette (for when you are singled out by her, you most emphatically feel it is Bette Davis who is grilling you) asks the members of the audience questions, and if your answer isn't what she wants to hear, you'll hear about it. Miss Davis asked a young woman what she did. "I'm in the medical field," she replied, dodging the question slightly. "I hope you are not a

Allen turns this drag act from a tableau into a genuine theatre piece.



Randy Allen and that famous cigarette case



Joan goes into reaction — she must have seen the show

nurse," Bette replied. "When I was in the hospital and couldn't move, there was one nurse who would come in and eat my food."

These impromptu remarks make you feel that you're not just hearing a script. If you were to see the show again, it would be different, because her reactions to new audience members would be different. Getting the imperial ego, the grating voice, and the fragile old body just right are all necessary to impersonate Davis, but in becoming her personality and not just her persona, and putting "her" out there to engage the audience, Allen

turns this drag act from a tableau into a genuine theatre piece.

Coming Attractions

There's a taste of things to come from Allen when he does a dead-on Joan Crawford and an okay Marilyn Monroe — it destroys the illusion for a moment, because you remember you're in the presence of a female impersonator, but if he plans on making Crawford his next incarnation, it should be a smashing success.

Allen's technical execution sometimes wavers. Bette's voice goes back and forth at times between the slurred, nasal speech of a stroke vic-

tim, and the "normal" Bette Davis voice. He has a way of slowly turning his head and suddenly popping his eyes wide open, that makes him look less like B.D. and more like one of the Animatronic robots at Disneyland. And although he carries Davis's real gold cigarette case (a gift to him from her assistant), he fires up with a cheap transparent green lighter — wouldn't *she* use matches before carting around such an ugly accessory? ▼

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Three Fests Begin This Month

Enchanting April

by Daniel Mangin

Spring has sprung and a season of festivals is upon us. Things don't let up until the late-June conclusion of the SF gay film fest — after which the Jewish Film Festival begins another cycle. One could easily spend every free moment in April in a movie theatre, so enchanting are the possibilities.

The Films of Ozu and Ryu April 16—26

The 1993 Cherry Blossom Festival is presenting a 10-film retrospective of works by Japanese director Yasujiro Ozu featuring one of his favorite actors, Chishu Ryu. The latter, noted for his becalmed portrayals of fatherly and grandfatherly types, died last month at the age of 88.

Ozu's style is as serene as it is potent. Often centering on generational conflicts and compromises, his works are the cinematic equivalent of dropping a small pebble into a still pond: subtle, ever-expanding ripples of consequence unfold once a simple action is set in motion.

If you've never seen an Ozu film, *Tokyo Story*, about an elderly rural couple who visit their too-busy children in the big city, is a good one to start with. *Late Spring* and *An Early Autumn*, each of which concerns a father's worry over his daughter's marriage possibilities, are two other personal faves.

Ozu's silent works are not often screened, even in cinema savvy San Francisco; the festival includes two: *I Was*

Born, But ... and *A Story of Floating Weeds*.

Schedules are available at the Kabuki. Call (415) 563-2313 for more information.

Festival of Animation April 16—May 8

The 1993 Festival of Animation is a hyperactive jumble of styles, from pencil drawings and cutouts to computer-generated imagery. Bouncing back from a disappointing 1992 compilation, impresarios Spike and Mike have assembled 18 short subjects, which they intersperse with 13 commercials from England's Academy Award-winning (in 1991 for *Creature Comforts*) Aardman Animations.

In Hollywood it was the Year of the Woman. In the animation world it was (even more than usual) the Year of the Dog. Puppies of one sort or another pop up in over a third of the entries, edging out kitties, which had dominated in recent years. (Whimsy in animals, people, and ordinarily inanimate objects is the guiding curatorial consideration with this festival, so go ye not blindly.)

Strong offerings in 1993 include: *My Dog Zero*, about a guy who picks out the dumbest dog at his local pound; *Screenplay*, a tragic Japanese love story evoked through manipulated puppets and two- and three-dimensional animation techniques; *Rex the Runt*, two items from a series featuring a clay pup; *Grinning Evil Death*, a combined computer- and cel-animated tale about a boy, a magical cereal, and a cockroach; *Tripping Down Memory Lane*, in which a bit of sniffed glue enlivens a photo-album project; and the festival's most serious debate, *Pro and Con*, which looks at America's prisons.

Pro and Con is by Joan Gratz, who won an Oscar last



Still photo from Barry J.C. Purves' *Screenplay*

month for *Mona Lisa Descending a Staircase*, a clever march through art and culture. *Mona*, one of the few highlights last year, is included again.

As an overall experience, I usually judge an animation

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festival not by how many works I like, but by how many I don't. As with MTV, one can always sit through a few duds without minding, but even masterpieces lose their luster when up against too much mediocrity. There is nothing really horrendous this time out, though Edward Ackerman's attempt to go hi(gher)-tech with *Two Taa Too*, his sequel to *Primiti Too Taa*, is one typewritten *Too Taa* too many. The tangentially gay entry, *The Making of 'Rain Forest'*, is an only occasionally witty, behind-the-scenes "look" at a 1968 collaborative project by Andy Warhol and Merce Cunningham.

The Festival of Animation
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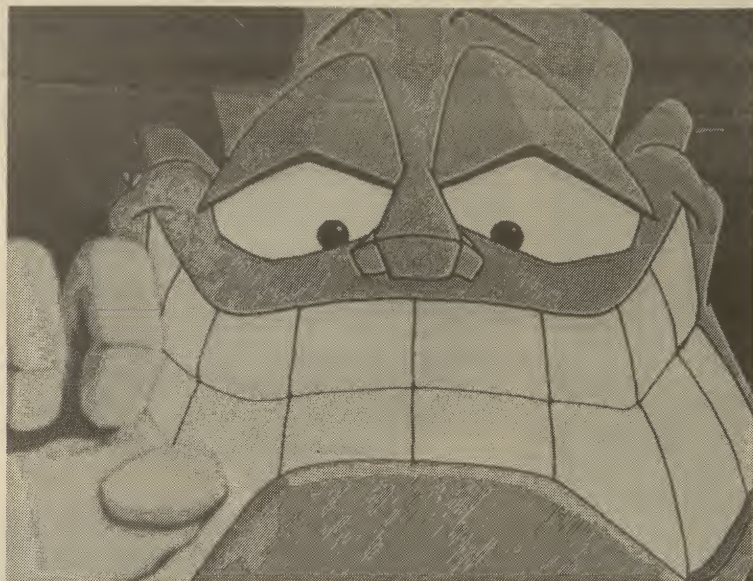
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plays April 16—May 8 at the Palace of Fine Arts. Phone (415) 567-6642 for show times. Spike and Mike are also pushing a "pee-pee caca" show (as one of their own representatives dubbed it), called the Sick and Twisted Animation Festival. This stuff is stupid-dumb rather than stupid-funny. If you go, tell them I told you not to — and don't blame me if you have a bad time.

San Francisco International Film Festival April 29—May 8

Press screenings are only now beginning for the 36th San Francisco International Film Festival, but the early returns look promising. Each of the four opening night features has a humorous component.

Tito and Me is a sly dissection of the mystique and influence of Yugoslavian dictator Marshall Tito. The comedy centers on a young lad's obsession with the Yugoslavian tyrant. A similar subtle and humorous examination of life under tyranny emerges in *The Story of Qiu Ju*, a determined woman who relentlessly pursues justice when her husband is kicked in the balls by the village chief. It's al-



Grinting Evil Death smiles on the Festival of Animation at the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre

most a variation on *Groundhog Day*, only this time the repeat visits are to increasingly higher tribunals.

Not yet previewed from opening night are *Dave*, a Kevin Kline comedy about a presidential look-alike who stands in when the top man

has a stroke, and *My Life's in Turnaround*, an independent production about two fellows desperately trying to make a movie.

As for lesbian/gay-oriented material, all my colleagues who went to the Toronto and Berlin fests declare Sally Potter's *Orlando* a must-see. Pot-

ter, whose *Thriller* played the SF gay fest a few years back, is receiving the Satyajit Ray Award at a May 8 Castro screening of her adaptation of Virginia Woolf's famous novel.

Gay Rudolph Valentino rides again in the restored version of Rex Ingram's silent

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, which first played the Castro in 1922. I'm told there are "lesbian overtones" to *Crush*, a film from New Zealand by Alison Maclean.

Terence Davies again plumbs his childhood in *The Long Day Closes*. The gay aspects of his persona were muted in *Distant Voices*, *Still Lives* as compared to his *Terence Davies Trilogy*, but both were captivating exercises in cinema. According to the festival's program, his new film "focuses on his shy, day dreaming alter ego, Bud ... in the mid-50s after the death of his brutal father when he felt 'almost sick with happiness.'" Also from England, Tilda Swinton, who bends gender in Potter's *Orlando*, plays a transgender role in *Man to Man*, about a woman who assumes the identity of her recently deceased husband.

A German feature, *The Blue Hour*, is about the friendship between a straight woman and her gay male neighbor in a German apartment building. Golden Gate Award-winner *Silverlake Life: The View From Here*, is the tour-de-force video diary of a gay man with AIDS.

More about these and other SFIFF offerings in upcoming issues. The festival's information line is (415) 931-FILM.

Art

Open Studios, Open Hearts

Sonoma County artists and neighbors Joel Bennett, Gerald Huth, and Frank Schueler will open their studios to the public on Sunday, May 2, 1-5 p.m. The artists are donating 10 percent from all sales that day to Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, the organization that provides practical care and emotional support for people living with HIV in Sonoma County as well as HIV prevention education.

In addition, Bennett, Huth, and Schueler are each contributing a piece of art for silent auction, with all proceeds from these three works going to Face to Face. The winners of the silent auction will be announced at 4:30 p.m. May 2.

Joel Bennett, widely known for his unique style of pit-fired and burnished pottery and clay sculpture, has been involved with Face to Face ever since it began several years ago, donating pieces to its annual Art for Life event. "I'm really supportive of what Face to Face is doing in its fight against AIDS and appreciate their efforts in helping individuals. ... This is my little way of helping out. As an artist in the community, I want to do as many positive things I can," Bennett says.

Bennett, who's been an art instructor at Santa Rosa Junior College for the past nine years, describes his work as following the "age-old tradition of not using glazes. My



Joel Bennett's vase

pieces are fired in the ground in a primitive fashion similar to Native American pottery. I use smooth stones to burnish their surfaces. I prefire pieces in a kiln, but the second firing is in the ground, a decorative firing, where I may throw in seaweed, dung, sawdust, orange peel, or other vegetable matter, which create a wonderful array of colors on the surface of the ware."

Bennett's studio is at 7531 Mirabel Road in Forestville, and he can be reached at (707) 887-1631. Gerald Huth, who "creates captivating works with construction/paintings and mixed media collage," is located at 5895 Anderson Road in Forestville and can be reached at (707) 887-9540. Frank Schueler, whose "wood and metal sculptures are based on his love of clean and touchable forms," can be found at 4335 Gunderson Court in Sebastopol. His phone number is (707) 829-5313. ▼

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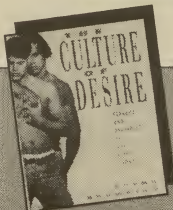
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Goosey Confection

The Fabulous Pop Tarts
Gagging on the Lovely
Extravaganza
Funtone

by John Blanco

The Fabulous Pop Tarts are a couple of New York underground celebs, Randy Barbato and Fenton Bailey, who are riding high right now on their status as Svengalis to America's favorite drag queen, RuPaul. They produced the glamazon's cult hit, "RuPaul Is Starbooty," several years back. More recently, the pair negotiated Ru's reported six-figure deal with Tommy Boy Records and conceived her hilarious "Supermodel" video.

The gay duo, unfortunately, hasn't had as much luck managing its own music career. Barbato and Bailey were signed by Polygram Records not long ago but defected to indie Funtone after weeks in the studio recording this album. The pair claims it had a

"bureaucratic disagreement" with Polygram, which most likely means the label simply decided to pass on the disc.

You can't blame Polygram. *Gagging on the Lovely Extravaganza* is strictly generic house, the kind of tepid, by-the-numbers stuff that will appeal to only the most indiscriminating rave queen.

Most songs have the Tarts taking an overly cute phrase



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("Touch my twinkie" or "You're a wiggly mouse in my house of love") and repeating it mantra-like over a sleepy, trance-dance rhythm. When they are more lyrically ambitious, the results are even worse. On "Desiderata," they spew an embarrassing litany of affirmations — "Be gentle with yourself" and "You have a right to be here!" — that could've come from *Saturday Night Live's* Stuart Smalley.

The pair attempts to goose several lame cuts with samples from the likes of RuPaul and Deee-Lite's Lady Miss Kier or naughty bits gleaned from public access TV sex shows. Trouble is, these samples aren't nearly funny or sleazy enough. (If the Pop Tarts want to learn the art of copping clever samples, they'd be wise to check out the latest Meat Beat Manifesto album.)

Gagging really has only one track to recommend it, the slinky and respectably soulful "Voodoo." Otherwise the Pop Tarts' music is a lot like the breakfast pastry they've named themselves after: an altogether too goosey and processed confection. ▼

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Books

Thou Shalt

The Ten Commandments
edited by Tom Wakefield: *Serpent's Tail*, \$13.99

by Orland Outland

In the year 4004 BC, according to Bishop Berkeley, God created the world, and on it he put Adam and Eve. For those who prefer to date the Creation to 1969, and the advent of Adam and Steve, this is your New Standard Revised Edition of the Bible.

The book contains ten stories, each written around one of the Ten Commandments. In some cases, the writer transparently forces his assigned commandment into a story; but when the stories go for the spirit and not the letter of the law, the premise works well.

New Voices

Few of the writers in this British compilation are familiar names, with the exception of David Feinberg and Neil Bartlett. Feinberg does his usual horny angry New Yorker schtick, giving his story (built around the adultery commandment) an O. Henry ending of an unpleasant sort. Bartlett, author of *Ready To Catch Him Should He Fall*, gives us a boy's eye view of a kept-boy relationship (built around "thou shalt not bear false witness").

The best stories are by Joseph Mills and Tom Wakefield (honor the Sabbath, and honor thy parents, respectively). Their stories, though different, both revolve around parents and their loving, accepting relationships with their gay sons. Mills' story is almost too good to be true: Robert, his parents, and his



boyfriend William sit around drinking scotch and rehashing how the two lovers met, while mother gets cheerily tipsy and father watches religious programming for entertainment. The father in Wakefield's story is a saintly man, a retired coal miner, who accompanies his son on his visit to an AIDS patient.

If the Shoe Fits

Michael Carson's story (graven images) isn't "gay," but it contains a world of truth about oppression of all kinds. In this instance, a Filipina maid irons the penis of her white master and would-be rapist, and later gets to see Imelda Marcos crawling towards her down the aisle of St. Patrick's.

The book is pricy at \$14 for a paperback, but it's one of the few opportunities to hear British, Australian and New Zealand gay voices, voices outside the usual bi-coastal list of gay writers. ▼



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Literary Joy Ride

Tim and Pete

by James Robert Baker; Simon and Schuster, \$20

by Sando Counts

On page one, Tim has a cathartic, erotic dream of reconciliation featuring his ex-lover Pete, only to wake to find his cat's buttohole in his face. Author James Robert Baker has a talent for filling pages full of the kinds of raunchy yet fitting juxtapositions that constantly pop up in reality, or at least in the version of reality that I recognize, which is why I found this book so delightful and what made it one of the best

damn literary joy rides I've ever been on.

Tim and Pete is the story of the near impossibility of being in love and maintaining a relationship with the weight of a world gone insane with AIDS, right-wing politics, race hatred, and homophobia on your back. Tim and Pete are ex-boyfriends, opposites who fed each other's creativity — and each other's craziness — until it blew apart their relationship into thousands of little pieces that haven't healed, even a year after their breakup.

James Robert Baker has delivered a well-placed slap in the face to American society.

Pete's a rock-and-roller whose sense of social outrage, egged on by Tim's imagination, feeds his songs, creating inflammatory art music. Unbeknownst to him, a group of radical HIV-infected anarchistic art queers hopped up on crank and Pete's lyrics actually try to strike at the beast, deciding that nonviolence is no longer a path they can follow. Art and protest are no longer enough in the face of the indifference of America.

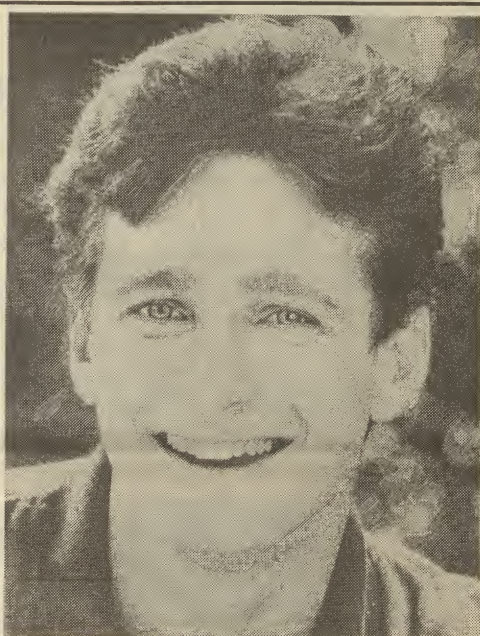
The twisted convolutions of fate reconcile the two lovers — although ambivalently — for a 24-hour journey through the Fellini-esque underbelly of LA, where they interact with a demented cast of fellow travelers: a homophobic Orange County congressman, a recovering Manson girl, an occult-obsessed filmmaker, a Southern drag queen, and a voyeuristic dyke.

And, of course, it turns out they have all been involved in a web of complex sexual relations that stretches back for years.

The twisted anger, the outrage and the raunchy, sexy sensibility that fuel the book's progress kept me laughing, even at its most horrific moments. And it keeps unfold-

ing, relentlessly, until the last page. To describe too much of it would be to spoil the fun.

James Robert Baker has delivered a well-placed slap in the face to American society. Sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll, in Baker's hands, turn out to be as dangerous as their reputation. ▼



Sando Counts

Oct. 18, 1954 — April 10, 1993

Bay Area Reporter arts and entertainment writer Sando Counts died in which sleep Saturday night while visiting his mother, Irene Counts, in San Diego. For the last year, Sando shouldered the burden of AIDS with quiet dignity, in spite of increasing physical difficulties. An actor, writer, critic, and blithe spirit, Sando was a longtime resident of the artistic community at Project Artaud.

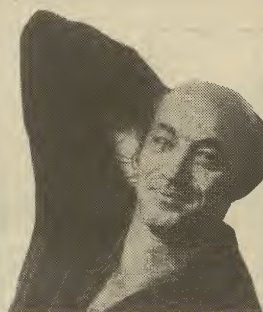
Sando received his B.A. in theatre arts from Antioch College West. For several years he toured with the Pickle Family Circus, an experience which ultimately led to the creation of the play *Sideshow*, which he wrote and starred in at Theatre Artaud in 1987. Local audiences will remember his many appearances on Bay Area stages, which include starring opposite Helen Schumaker in *Performance Hell* at Marines Memorial Theatre, under the direction of author Philip Galas.

For almost two years (1989-1991) Sando lived and worked in Los Angeles. In ad-

dition to appearing frequently in television and print commercials, he authored several screenplays, two of which are still in development with his literary agent. At the time of his death, Sando was a member of the American Federation of Television and Radio Actors and he was local president of the Screen Actors Guild. His many friends and colleagues, in both Northern and Southern California, will miss Sando's gentle spirit and wonderful sense of humor.

Sando is survived by his parents Robert and Irene Counts and his sister Lori Counts, all of San Diego. A memorial gathering is planned for Sunday, April 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 366 15th Avenue in San Francisco. For information, call 648-0884.

The family requests no floral offerings. Instead, contributions may be made in memory of Sando Counts to Theatre Bay Area's Lemonade Fund, 657 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103 or the Screen Actor's Guild Emergency Assistance Fund, 7065 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028. ▼



Watanabe Wannabe

Remy Charlip is the featured guest choreographer and performer when June Watanabe debuts three new works at Theatre Artaud. Charlip solos on *Emptying and Filling*, before joining Watanabe in the world premiere of their duet, *Goodbye Bert*. The 8 p.m. performances run Thursday through Sunday, April 22-25. For information, call the Theatre Artaud box office at (415) 621-7797



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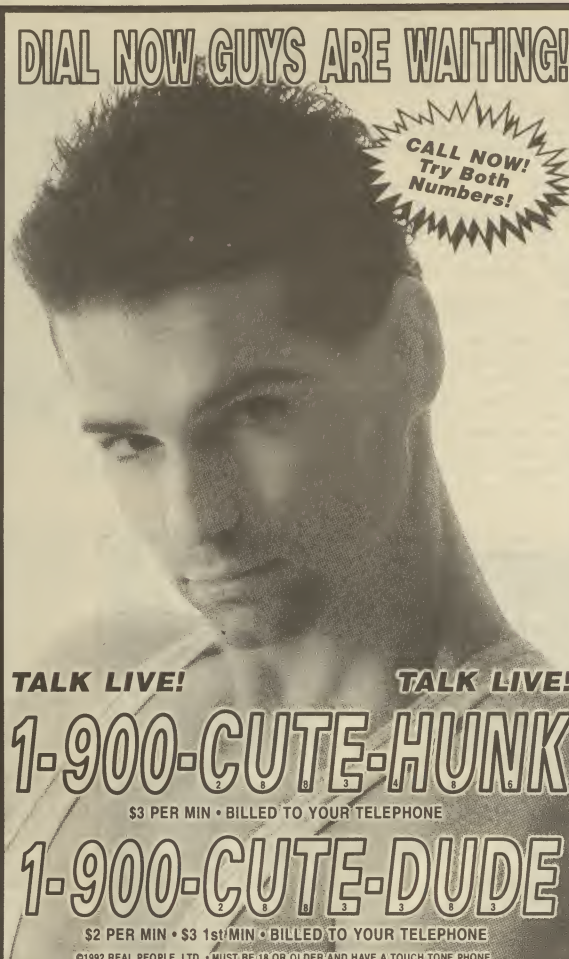
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Bernard Turner Memorial

A memorial service for well-known San Francisco gay sports figure Bernard Turner, who died February 16, 1993, after a long bout with AIDS, will be held this Saturday, April 17, 5-7 p.m., at 1273 McAllister Street (cross street Fillmore). Turner founded the San Francisco Trojans flag football team and was one of the founding members of the San Francisco Track and Field Club, besides being a Gay Games organizer and gold medalist, Cable Car Award winner, and Apex Hall of Fame member. Friends and teammates are encouraged to attend and celebrate Bernard Turner's life and many accomplishments.

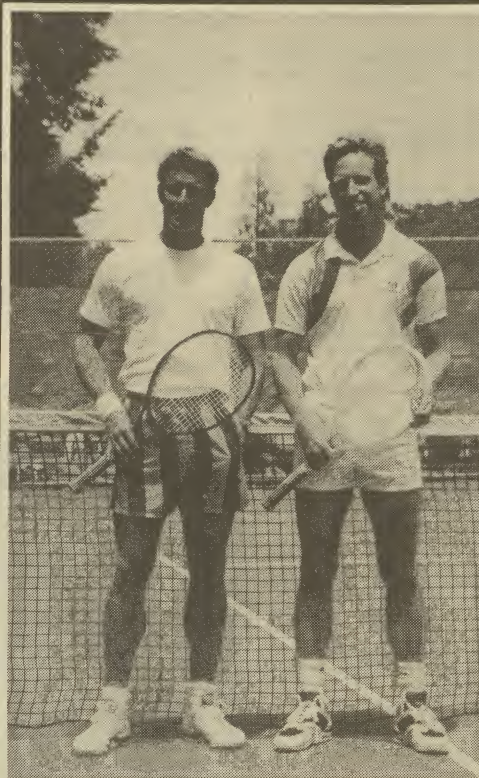
await the selection of the last four finalists this week. Thursday night's (April 15) contest is at Marlena's, and Saturday's (April 17) is at Uncle Bert's.

Last week's team action saw the onslaught of the dreaded interdivisional matches featuring clashes of equally ranked teams. Division I's leadership changed hands as Cinch It Up moved into first place, followed by Mo Better Studs, Uncle Bert's, and the Pilsner Puppies, just three games behind the leader in fourth place.

The Red Bearons padded their Division II lead into an eight-game cushion over the Pilsner Penguins. The Stud reigns comfortably in third.

After the Cinchpassers' 3-13 defeat at the hands of Tien Fulishness last week, International Borders recaptured the Division III lead. Marlena's Overpassers cling to third place.

Tien Fulishness has a seven-game lead in Division IV, but the Cinch Spoilers will almost certainly be closing the gap. The Spoilers' midseason addition of defending city champion players Rex Norman and Glenn White makes them a favorite to reach the city finals. Border Patrol should remain in third for the time being. This division could field as many as six of the league's 16 playoff teams. Dial JOE-POOL for SFFA information.



Finalist Chris Staples (left) of Miami, Florida and 1992 Men's Open Winner, John Kline of San Diego

GTF Hosts USGO Tourney

The Gay Tennis Federation (GTF) of San Francisco will host the 13th Annual United States Gay Open (USGO) International Tennis Championships Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31, in San Francisco and the surrounding Bay Area. The USGO is still the only tennis tournament to include the word "gay" in its title and is recognized as the most prestigious event on the International Gay Tennis Tour, a series of 13 tournaments around the world.

USGO '92 saw over 350 gay and lesbian players from around the world taking part. Top honors went to Anne Lowry of Oakland in the Women's Open and John Kline of San Diego in the Men's. Lowry defeated Portland's Deanne Larsell for the title, and Kline downed Miami's Chris Staples.

In 1993, 400 players will fill the 17 events, which are open to all levels of play, from beginning to professional. Singles will be offered in Men's Open, A, B, C, and Novice and Women's Open, B and C. Doubles will be offered in

Men's Open, A, B, and C and Women's Open, B and C. And men and women may wind up competing side-by-side in the Mixed Doubles events in Open, B and C.

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Natural slave Arab, gdlking, gr eyes, trustworthy, lking for demanding or uniformed men to serve as a cleaning person. No money. EXT. 6191

Have lover, need fuck boy for day fun. Wht, husky dad, 35yo, sks hot, HIVpos w/ht/Hsp w/great ass & hard, smooth body. EXT. 6192

EBay do-it-yourselfers midnite JO, dirty talk, cock/ball worship. My place. Drink/smk/party w/hot, masc, aggrsv guy. EXT. 6193

Lking for delicious dick to suck on reg basis. Great ckskr sks same who likes to get into long, wet, deep throat sessn. GWM, 34yo, tall, br/br, attrac, slightly husky, ftball plyr bld. You: WM/LM/AM, 40yo & yngr, attrac, hungry, horny, succ or get sucked dry. Sweaty balls a plus. Yr place. EXT. 6194

Two gdlking, in-shape blonds lking for a third sex partner. Attrac, hung, in-shape, 20-40yo GWM/GLM, vers or btm, respond pls. EXT. 6195

Wrestlers into rough-house, no-holds-barred bouts wntd by 5'8, 150lbs, hairy, bearded fighter. Wanna videotape a nude fight in prvt gym? EXT. 6196

Attrac GBM, HIVneg, 40s, skng GWM, HIVneg, 48-60yo w/ a 7-9" dick who loves to have it sucked by the best for hrs. Ex-patron of Jacks Bath a plus. You will not be sorry. EXT. 6197

Bad boys need rough butt spankings. I can take it as hard as I give it. All fantasies or toys considered. Tall & big men welcome. EXT. 6198

I'm a 50yo GWM. I'm lking to be screwed in my wht hole by a nice, warm GBM who as well would want to French me, lick me from my hole to my cock. Call my box now. EXT. 6199

Plus takes charge. Auditions taken on 1st cum, 1st serve basis. Me: 27yo, 5'11, blz, got hot rock & a brainz, mm...I'll wear you out. Must be able to fuck 4 hrs min, itain wgr eyes & min of 10", only the strong survive, winner takes all. EXT. 6201

I'm lking to be very submsv for another GWM. I want to belong to you & I'll go anywhere w/you for good sexual hot times. I'm 50yo. I want a man 40-50yo. EXT. 6202

My arms hold what the world lacks. Hugs & kisses come first. Me: attrac GWM, 6'5, 280lbs, top. You: attrac GWM, 21-35yo, slim, btm. EXT. 6203

GWM, yng, cute, 28yo, 5'9, 170lbs, sm endowed, great lovmaker, submsv, sks 40-50yo, in good shape man for fun, sex, romance, generosity & dwelling from my dedicated, loyal, domestic, all-around boy-next-door self. EXT. 6204

Gdlking, friendly cpl sks avid oral experts. We're a 25yo, 5'7, smooth, thin Asian & a 35yo, 5'10, musc, masc, hairy WM. You be 18-30yo w/stamina. EXT. 6205

GAM med Doctor w/good - (1)personality, (2)brains, (3)kiss, (4)body, (5)sex. If you have three of five, pls call. Age/race flexible. EXT. 6206

Not hung but great ass? Then 35yo husky top wants you for reg plowing. You're 22-33yo, hot, HIVpos, pretty wht/Latin boy w/hard body & firm, round ass. EXT. 6207

Tall, attrac, slightly husky, 34yo GWM lking for cock to suck. Lay back & let me sniff, lick yr sweaty balls, armpits; suck yr big dick; get you off hard w/my hot, wet mouth. Must be 40yo & yngr, attrac, verbal, nicely hung. EXT. 6208

I want you to sit on my face so I can tongue-fuck your big, hairy bubble butt. You: well-bt WM, 20-30s, hairy. Me: hot, hung big, well bit, hungry tongue. EXT. 6209

WM sks yng, uncult men, esp Latins, for

safe play. You be under 40yo, fit, slim, w/foreskin. EXT. 6215

Attrac FFB fit 57yo tribal tattooed butt sks shaman topfist into altrdconscns Native Amer big plus. EXT. 6216

Big muscles, small cock? WM, 42yo, 6'1, 175lbs, hung, sks BB over 40yo who loves to pose! Safe sex optnl HIVneg. EXT. 6217

GLM, 22yo, lking for men over 28yo,

Hung blk top, 40yo, enjoys mature, masc btm. Be free of busy schedules & boyfriends, pls. EXT. 6224

GWM Southerner, 45yo, prof, HIVneg, smkr, diverse interests, lking for GWM Southerner, HIVneg, for cuddling & fun living. EXT. 6225

Hairy btm wntd by gdlking GWM, 6', 175lbs, drk hair/bl eyes, 40yo, for monog time, 21-35yo. EXT. 6226

men, 40-70yo, for cock worship session by big dick, masc, 170lbs, 46yo BM. EXT. 6232

Blond European boy w/8-1/2" in latex shorts sks a generous gentleman. Gay/strt etc poss. EXT. 6233

GM, 25yo, 5'10, 170lbs, musc, sks B&D training from expd man under 45yo musc, beefy, tough but respectful. EXT. 6234

GWM sks poss perm rtnshp w/GWM. You: bl/bl, 5'10-6', 140-155lbs, 40-55yo, cut 6" or less, HIVneg, domnt/pass, neutral, mature, trusting, prvt, then lv a message. EXT. 6235

Hot, sexy, gym-toned, 40yo GWM, 5'8, 150lbs, sks yngr, vers, athletic guys who like long fuck/suck sessions, mornings or eves. EXT. 6236

Gdlking, strt-acting/lking Asian-Am, 28yo, 5'10, 168lbs, sks similar Asian for frndshp/fun times. EXT. 6237

Early riser? Let's rise together, get it up I mean. Hot GWM, in shape, sks hot Latino for a.m. fun. Call me. EXT. 6238

Would like to turn on GWM/GMM, 25-40yo. I love to suck a long, thick hot guy who enjoys hot sex, HIVneg, adv wt. Lking for poss long-term frndshp. EXT. 6239

Hot Italn offers free use of rim seat. He watches you & your buddies in action. No scatl Castro loc. Call for more info. EXT. 6240

Rimmer/oral obsession wntd by BM, 34yo, 170lbs, 5'10, HIVneg. Need a man also to take care of me & to eat me out, spend their money/fun. EXT. 6241

Two hndsm, healthy, horny, fun, in-shape GWMs sk a similar third for hot action. You be 20-40yo, hung & uncult, btm/vers. Oral oriented a plus. EXT. 6242

Athletic legs as mine for long-term cksucking. EXT. 6243

Hot, sexy, smart 26yo sks boytoy, 18-22yo, for meaningless sex, laughter, debate. You're smooth, hndsm, genius, crazy. Lite bondage/ice cream. EXT. 6244

Does the feeling of two hard, hairy chests grinding into each other give you a rock-hard boner like mine? Real hairy bearhugger wants you! EXT. 6245

In-shape, horny, sexy, trim LM, 26yo, 128lbs, 5'7, lking for beefy, virile, hot BM/WM, 18-35yo, w/cln, nice, cut cock, for frndshp & romantic, wild times. I'm friendly, honest; be same. Serious only. I'm first-timer. Mid-Penin/S Bay. EXT. 6246

Do you like long, hot nites getting your cock sucked all nite? We need to meet. HIVneg, 25-40yo GWM/GLM. EXT. 6247

Hot, 35yo, gdlking GWM needs some thick Latino meat for fun. Be 20-30yo, in shape, attrac & horny. Now is best! EXT. 6248

E Bay GWM, 48yo, sks Turkish, Iranian, Indian, Arabic men who like oral attn. Bi, strt, hairy OK. Let my tongue do all the work. EXT. 6249

Mexican male, 5'4, 135lbs, 36yo, btm, very horny, sks GWM tops for fun. EXT. 6250

Musc Italn, c 47", w 31", t 26", hung, lking for bubble butt to fuck. EXT. 6251

HIVpos Capricorn, Virgo or Scorpio Latin papacito wntd by GWM, 31yo, 6', 185lbs, cuddlemonster. 'Stache, uncult, mota, tattoos, husky are plusses. EXT. 6252

Hot Italn cumfreak & aseater sks heavy-loaded, horny men for reg sessions. Serious. Call for description. EXT. 6253

Hot, horny, yng stud lking for gdlking, sexy gay/bl men for fucking, sucking (sip & slurp). Sexy, 26yo, blind, pretty ass, grn eyes, 5'11, 155lbs, cut, thick 8-1/2", musc, jock, cln-cut, honest. Be similar. Taller, furry-chested, bigger dick plusses. EXT. 6254

Masc, trim Asian, 5'9, sks cln-shvn, gym-toned, smooth, slender or musc WM for casual or intense rtnshp. Enjoy diverse physical & social activities & safe sex. EXT. 6255

Two hot, hard, gdlking, yng GWM slaves need work! Sk horny, hung stud(s) to service. Tell us what you want, make us work for the prize! EXT. 6256

Would like to meet GWM, 25-40yo, w/ a lrg cock, clean, HIVneg, who likes getting off. I'd love to take your load. EXT. 6257

GLM, hot ass, would like to be handled by GBM top, well endowed, who likes tight, hairy ass evenings. EXT. 6258

You: uncult Latino, gdlking, 20-40yo, in shape, horny. Me: hndsm, blond, 35yo, good shape, ready for day action. Hung a plus. EXT. 6259

Sks GWM for long-term rtnshp & frndshp. I'm a GAM, 5'4, 132lbs, 28yo, enjoy working out & outdoor activities. Serious only pls. EXT. 6260

Do you like to watch? S Bay, hot-lking GWM, 32yo, 5'11, 175lbs, skng yng, inexprd guys, 18-28yo, to watch me play w/oversized toys while you shoot your hot creamy load. EXT. 6261

Oral/butt eater wntd by BM, 34yo, 170lbs, 5'10, HIVneg, love, treat me & spend lots of money. EXT. 6262

Uncult, gdlking, 20-40yo GWM needed for 3-way w/two hot blonds. You should be in shape, attrac, btm/vers. Hung a plus. EXT. 6263

Foreskin restoration by surgery? Let's talk. Good or bad, you let me know. EXT. 6264

FFB fit 57yo, 6', 175lbs, beard, tattis, sks topfist cpl (lovers, brothers, buddies) or total topfist sngl for all nite ecstacy. Any age, ethnicity. EXT. 6265

Hot, hndsm blond sks hung, attrac, in-shape Latino, Asian or other men of color to play with. Uncult a plus. EXT. 6266

Italn ex-football jock sks expert oral servicing on reg basis. Castro loc. All replies considered. EXT. 6267

Lking for a man who loves his cock sucked, quiet eves, 25-40yo, HIVneg, cksr a plus. I love eating your Levi's off. You: GWM/GMM only. I'll turn your legs into rubber. Poss frnshp/rtnshp. EXT. 6268

Transvestite

North Bay, any TS/TV hermaphrodite 18-30yo, attrac, curious WM, 27yo, sks you. Also GWM, 18-22yo, for sex. Santa Rosa. EXT. 6091

You're a submsv, slim FEMME/TV, unde 5'8, yng-lking, enjoy silk/lace, are HOT, like your ass worked, to give oral worship & much more. I am a HOT, slim, clean WM, HIVneg, 55yo, lking for expd "girl" or very serious beginner. Lv detailed message. EXT. 6211

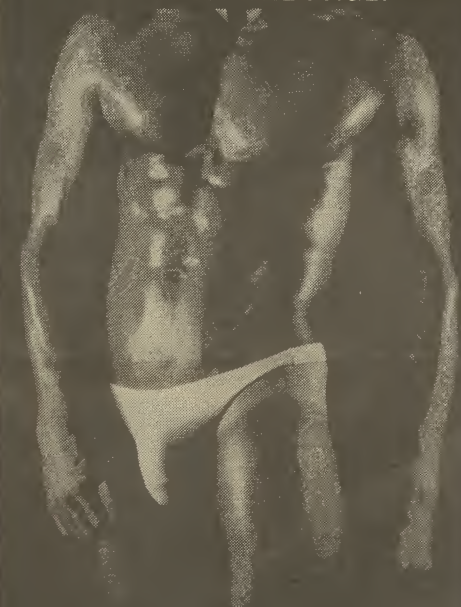
I'm lking for a transsexual who would like to service a 50yo GWM by foreplay & rimming my hole as well as sucking me off. Myself, I'm clean, healthy, 7' hung. EXT. 6212

GWM, 46yo, lking for a feminine blk man, any age, who likes to wear lingerie & play. EXT. 6213

Lrg TV, TS or femme-type male w/smooth, shaved body sought by tal male. Have quiet apt. EXT. 6214

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Wntd: GWM, gdlking, masc, vers, in shape, by sexy, masc GLM, 36yo, 8" uncult, HIVneg, for safe/fun times. Blonds a plus. EXT. 6220

Cute 23yo GWM, 5'10, 145lbs, good bld, hung, nice ass, wants similar for sex. EXT. 6221

I might be GWM, 29yo, 6'1, long hair, 170lbs, but I'm not a product. I'd like to get to know & show you. EXT. 6222

Horny WM, 33yo, 6'1, wants 3-way w/hung WM/LM cpl. Safe only. You be masc, vers, trim, Let's do it. EXT. 6223

GWM, 26yo, drk hair/bl eyes, 160lbs, sks BM for hot times & poss rtnshp. Sense of humor a plus. I'm HIVpos, healthy & ready for fun. Call. EXT. 6227

39yo, lite bm hair, wht pig ckskr lking for another blk guy to watch me suck you & my buddy. EXT. 6228

Hndsm 45yo GWM, 140lbs, 5'8, salt & pepper/bl eyes, healthy, sexy, fun, honest, sks smoother, sexy partner to hold & be held. EXT. 6229

Oral expert needed by 45yo, 6', 150lbs WM w/thick 8". I like trim, spunky, cute guys. EXT. 6230

You:Asian, intelligent, 20s, sks love & maybe support for study. Me: English, educt, friendly, interesting, 46yo. EXT. 6231

Passionate ckskr sks HIVneg, masc

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GWF, 41yo, 5'9, 146lbs. You're 37-41yo, 5'7-5'9, NS, ND, NA. Enjoy biking, movies, long rides. Pref femme, for committed rtshp. Friends first. EXT. 6210

Respectable, str English senior gent will have married only men to his upper Haight pad for sex. EXT. 6092

Patient, affectionate top needed to open my virgin butt after deep kisses, lite TT, CBT. I'm blond, 40s, 5'9, 158lbs, HIVpos, smkr, always been a top. EXT. 6093

Loving GAM skng other Asians. I'm 5'8, 135lbs, 35yo, stable, healthy and into many things. Take a chance. EXT. 6094

Into water sports? 25yo cute WM sks 18-30yo cute WM/LM. Vers, uncut a plus! EXT. 6095

Hi, I'm 29yo, wht, bl/bl, 5'9, med bld, 170lbs, 34" waist, 8" cut. I'm lkg for attract Asians, Chinese, Japanese hot dudes for fun, hot times! EXT. 6096

Venus in Scorpio — 33yo GWM, 5'4, 145lbs, HIVneg, lkg for passionate, butch nasty boy to tame my hunger. Uncut a plus. EXT. 6097

You be the cop and I'll be your prisoner for you. I'm 6'1, 30yo, 190lbs, needing it bad. EXT. 6098

Big GWM, 31yo, 6'3, 285lbs, rtshp-oriented, sincere, lkg for GLM/GAM. Be sincere and romantic. EXT. 6099

Blk daddy top, 6', 190lbs, 46yo, uncut, into wht/Latin btms, 35 and older, for condoms, tit play, aroma, lite SM. EXT. 6100

If you're 5'8 or shorter, smooth, stocky (over 160lbs), BB type, 20-45yo, who needs some help to make ends meet and likes 3-ways w/two prof, attract, cln-cut, hung, mid-30s and 40s, call us. We like clean, safe sex. No fats or fems. EXT. 6101

San Jose GWM, 25yo, btm, sks SBay GWM top, 25-35yo, for fun and poss rtshp. EXT. 6102

Hot GWM, 5'7, 150lbs, 38yo, sks sexy gym-toned guys who like to kick back and get super good head. Try mel EXT. 6103

GWM, 41yo, EBay, hndsm, 5'10, 175lbs, blk/hzl, sks kind, hndsm, intelligent male, 30-44yo, for dating, poss rtshp. EXT. 6104

Men's bodybuilding team from Atlanta will be partying thru Apr. 8. Masc, in-shape men join us. EXT. 6105

Ass worship. Hndsm 39yo to explore safe, intimate scat fantasies. No SM or heavy trips. Just hot and mutual. EXT. 6106

WM cksr sks uncut men. Cpls OK. Mediterranean men a plus. EXT. 6107

Lkg to pass on the message of miracles from Lourdes, France! Call for instructions. EXT. 6108

Head! If you want/need it and have a long one, let a 48yo gent service you each week. Interested? EXT. 6109

GWM lkg for mutual play, 27yo, 5'10, 160lbs. Nasty is what nasty gets. EXT. 6110

19yo GWM aka GWM only, 18-30yo, for rtshp. NS,ND. I'm 5'8, 165lbs. Date first and maybe long-term rtshp. EXT. 6111

FFB, very hndsm, experienced, sks talented FFT or vers for reg, intense, deep sessions. EXT. 6112

Hot Asian sks Asian for dating, massage, cuddling, sex. I'm 33yo, 5'8, 135lbs, gym-toned, fun to be with! EXT. 6113

Attract 60s dad/master will train 18-45yo gay, bi, even strt to serve "all" his needs in or out of bed. Ongoing! EXT. 6114

Guys in Cloverdale/Ukiah. If you're masc, strt-acting and under 30yo, let's get together. EXT. 6115

Santa Rosa bi WM, 50s, HIVneg, shvd, pierced, on limited income, sks a perm, bi/str, generous fuck/suck buddy for

discreet sessions. My place, any scene, lite drink/sm OK. JO? EXT. 6116

Hot Asian top w/wild imagination. Hndsm, defined, smooth body, hot ass, 27yo, tall, would like to meet WM. 25-30yo, musc body, sense of humor, outgoing. Let's talk and share this wild fantasy. EXT. 6117

Gdtkng, HIVneg GWM, 6'1, beefy, 210lbs, 35yo, btm, hairy, goatee, sks hairy GWM, 30-45yo, HIVneg, top, into safe fucking, 69, cuddling, kissing. EXT. 6118

Asian wntd by attrc GWM, 25yo, blond, HIVneg. We're both physically fit, romantic, lkg for a quality rtshp. Tired of bar scene, lkg for Mr. Right. Take a chance because you might not be disappointed w/what you may get. EXT. 6119

Athlete? Why just fantasize? Hard-bodied, defined, 6'3, 165lbs, blond, ready to safely, sanely wrestle musc, lanky or wiry guys, any stature, to playful submission. EXT. 6120

E Bay guy sks masc guys who are genuinely queer for cock, dirty talk and JO only while drinking, smking, partying (one on one) late nite. EXT. 6121

You don't have to be hndsm w/gym body, just clean, fun and hot for oral action, nipple work, videos w/GWM, 40s, blond, 5'9, 158lbs, HIVpos, smkr. Some days. Call. EXT. 6122

Hot Latin, 5'11, 175lbs, 26yo, smooth, musc body. I need my tight, hairy ass drilled. Skng hot, musc, gdtkng men, 20-30yo. EXT. 6123

You: hungry, 18-40yo, gdtkng, in-shape, hung, nice ass. Queer Nation type/uncut a plus. Us: two hot, in-shape GWMs skng vers/btm GLM/GWM for good times. EXT. 6124

If you're in your 30s, like quiet eves, love to cuddle for hrs, open-minded and grown up, I'm your man. I'm 40s, brn/bm, if you need love and someone who cares. EXT. 6125

BM, 35yo, 6'1, gdtkng, wants BM, 18-45yo. I can take 10" of manhood. No gag. I guarantee you'll be amazed. Deep throat. EXT. 6126

Hndsm guy, 40yo, hung 8 x 5-1/2", sks other hndsm guys hung 8" or more. EXT. 6127

GWM, cut, mid-40s, very hairy, HIVneg, conservative, licks and cleans feet, etc, for very serious, clean, verbal, smart man to 60yo. Slave. Will reply. EXT. 6128

Great kisser/cuddler, 43yo GWM, 6 x 5" uncut, hairy, cln-shwn, romantic, lkg for yngr, HIVpos, dark hair/eyes, nice bod, sincere, good times/rtshp. EXT. 6129

GLM, HIVneg, btm, lkg for GBMs for wkend fuck. Nice bubble butthole for the right big tool. Evenings. The bigger the better. EXT. 6130

Smooth, slender Asian, 28yo, wants to share good times w/WM, 25-35yo, for movies, dinners, massages. Musc, affectionate a plus. EXT. 6131

Horny GLM btm, 5'11, 175lbs, 26yo, hot, musc body, sks big, musc men over 6' who love to plow some tight ass. EXT. 6132

Squat your hairy (or smooth) crack over my hairy face! You're trim to slim, WM/LM. I'm 6'2, 195lbs, 50yo plus. I have a great rim chair. I'm wht. EXT. 6133

Mid-40s Asian male, 5'6, 140lbs, healthy, HIVneg, sks monog Asian friends, 30-40s. You must be masc, in-shape, honest. NS, ND. No barflies. EXT. 6134

Gdtkng GWM, tall, slender, late 40s, cln-cut, sks thin, smooth guy, 25-35yo, for quiet, sensual times, walks, movies, conversation, maybe more. EXT. 6135

Chubby guy, 6'1, 275lbs. I'm yng, cute, mature, horny and ready to date a gorgeous guy (inside and out). What more could you want? EXT. 6136

Two fun, gdtkng GWMs, mid-30s, in shape, skng similar GWM/GLM, 21-41yo, wanting hot, sweaty action. Hung, nice ass, warm mouth desired. EXT. 6137

41yo Italn top, 5'5, 145lbs, curly hair, sks way yngr dudes for safe fun. First time OK. Bonus points: short guys, brains — and Italn. EXT. 6138

Butt for rimmer. BM, 170lbs, 34yo, 5'10, HIVneg, safe, cushion ass and cock. EXT. 6139

Weight gainers and encouragers. If you find getting fat(ter) and/or fattening up another man erotic, come to our events exclusively for guys into this scene. EXT. 6140

Strt, yng wht guys wntd by cute, discreet GAM for reg massage/safe service. Must be tall, gdtkng, masc. College jock a plus. EXT. 6141

Financial Dist prof for mutual great kisses, nipple play, oral affection. GWM, 5'9, 158lbs, Nordic, HIVpos, smkr, 40s, for mentally mature men over 28yo. Videos, foreplay, sunny yard. Call. EXT. 6142

GAM, 5'8, swim body, 38yo, 170lbs, HIVneg, lkg for any GWM/GLM who can play level A or B tennis on a somewhat reg basis, and still have a lot of fun later! Call. EXT. 6143

I don't care if you're a bear or have muscles. I'm lkg for a man who loves

Bi LM, 6', 165lbs, 45yo, HIVneg, smooth buns, wants slim others for over the knee spanking, etc. EXT. 6151

BM, 35yo, 6'1, gdtkng, wants BM, 18-45yo. I can take 10" of manhood. No gag. I guarantee you will be amazed. Deep throat. EXT. 6152

Ex-Navy guy will order lean, yng guys to strip naked for embarrassment & humiliation. EXT. 6153

Bi AM sks bi WM, 20-30s. Me: prof, sincere, loyal. You: masc, sincere. Offer: sensual workout. Companionship a plus. EXT. 6154

Beautiful tattooed ass fit 57yo, 6', 175lbs, sks extra expert topfist master (cpls welcome) any stats. My bondage sling. EXT. 6155

31yo, GWM, 6', 240lbs, HIVneg top wants yng, smooth, small, HIVneg buddy in E Bay to mount and ride. EXT. 6156

Gdtkng E Bay btm sks masc, hung tops for some extended sessions. Latinos/blks esp welcome. EXT. 6157

GWM, 50yo, husky, sks under 30yo GWM/GLM, husky, for fun times. Sports fans a plus. HIVneg a must. EXT. 6166

Tom Selleck types wntd. Gym-toned, hairy chests w/stache or short beard a turn on. Me: GWM, 27yo, 5'10, 140lbs. EXT. 6167

Hot & healthy GWM, 50yo, sks GBM, slender or musc, for intense or casual rtshp. EXT. 6168

Butt massage & dildo fun w/hot, hndsm GWM/GLM, husky, for fun times. HIVneg. You: attract, great body, fun. EXT. 6169

Hndsm top, 32yo, sks smooth, athletic btm boys into nasty fun — enema & dildo training. EXT. 6170

26yo GWM, brn/bm, 160lbs, lkg for someone my age & bld to teach me the leather scene. EXT. 6171

GWM, 40yo, redhead, 5'10, HIVneg, loves 50T's/boots, wants to meet guys who like wearing "em for dinner, cruising, etc. EXT. 6172

Be my E Bay bro w/your full, sweet lips & girly hair? Me: foxy, smart, freaky, 30yo. You be yngr. EXT. 6173

Hip 21yo GWM sks very cute boy for dating & sex. Me: 6', 160lbs, grn/bm. You: 18-30yo, PS: I smk, you can too. EXT. 6174

Lat me service ball player GW on open rtshp. My place or yours. Mature GW. Videos. Bi OK. Rt one all the way. EXT. 6175

Tall, hndsm, 48yo, bi WM sks gay cpl for wknte 3-ways. Have nice blu eyes, shaved cock & balls, smooth butt. EXT. 6176

Classic uncut dick on a lean, trim, healthy, HIVneg, 46yo GWM. Lkg for a little artn and/or affection in or out of the sack. EXT. 6177

I want to be talked to by a GWM/GBM who loves to talk dirty to older males like myself. I'm 50yo. I want to be w/ GBM/GWM, 33-49yo. EXT. 6178

Hot WM, gym bod, hung big, has hungry tongue for well-bit, beefy WM w/ a tight, aggrv bubble butt. EXT. 6179

Truth in advertising sks truth in responsel Top 35yo, 6', 210lbs, HIVpos, husky not fat, sks pretty, wht, hard body, 22-33yo, w/great ass. Btm in bed not life. EXT. 6180

GWM, 34yo, 6'3, husky bld, brn/bm, hndsm, nice thick dick, skng GWM, GAM or GLM cock slave, 40yo & under, attract. Must be excellent, insatiably horny cksr who's eager to ple at the drop of a hat. Your place. EXT. 6181

Chinese male, 28yo, not into gay scene, novice btm, lkg for masc, strt/bi Asians only for friends or poss more. EXT. 6182

GWM 38yo. I'm hairy, husky, balding mustached, 5'10, skng attract, boyish-lkg guy, 20-30yo, for poss rtshp & more. EXT. 6183

I want a 80yo like me. Me: blond, tan, rock hard, hung, 6', 170lbs, successful prof, NS, HIVneg. You: any race, 60yo plus, good sex, serious rtshp. EXT. 6184

Blks only. When you take off clothes you're master to this WM. I'll lick, eat your balls, your pussy asshole, drink, be slave. My place. EXT. 6185

Are you a top GWM, 6' or taller, w/fractionate personality, & in need of love & sex? Me: mid-40s, 5'10, 150lbs, GLM, hndsm, very passionate. EXT. 6186

Well-bit WM needs other in-shape WMs to spread their big hairy buns on his hungry tongue. EXT. 6187

I'm a GWM, 50yo, lkg for a GWM at 60yo who likes to take care of my naked body in a sexual way. I'm ready any wkend or after work. EXT. 6188

Wntd: top who's tall, masc, hung, passionate. I'm hndsm, sexy, masc, 6', 175lbs, an artist. Love laughs, music, great sex, affection, monog. EXT. 6189

Masc GWM, 44yo, 5'11, 190lbs, bl/bl, smooth, cut, avg lks & body. E Bay. AL mech sks yngr than passy type for dates & good times. EXT. 6190

Domnt, masc WM, well-bit, hung big, wntd in-shape, pass/submvs WM w/hairy bod, 20-30s. EXT. 6200

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to cuddle, quiet eves, doing things together. I love to turn my man on for hrs. I'm mid-40s, brn/bm, lkg for someone in their 30s. The rest is open. EXT. 6144

Need a hot tight bubble butt to plow? Hot, yng, musc Mexican, 26yo, 5'11, 175lbs, has what you want. You: 28yo or yngr WM. Musc a plus. EXT. 6145

Two hndsm, hung, healthy, horny, in-shape blonds, 34yo, 6'3, 195lbs, vers, and 36yo, 5'8, 145lbs, top, skng GWM/GLM, 20-45yo, engl/cpl, in-shape, attract and horny. Call now! EXT. 6146

GWM sks GWM to service. Has videos. Bi OK. Relax. Hung a plus. Mature & safe. Your or my place. EXT. 6147

Deep throat for cute, bit guys, 18-36yo, from tall, musc, masc 40yo. No recip. Size or race unimport. EXT. 6148

San Jose BB, 26yo, 6'2, 185lbs, nice cock, needs oral servicing on reg basis by man under 35yo. EXT. 6149

Wkday talented cksr wntd. Age, race, health unimport. I'm a GWM, 45yo, 6', 165lbs, uncut, HIVneg, cln-cut. EXT. 6150

My strt married buddy & I need a change. Would like to suck some big dick. Oakland area, a.m. only. EXT. 6159

Intense massage for in-shape, smooth Latino/Asian men, 18-30yo. Must like their ass rimmed & fucked! EXT. 6160

Sonoma Co novice cksr wants big uncut dick & low-hang balls to practice on. I'm a WM, 40yo, w/eager mouth. EXT. 6161

Hot Asian stud, 27yo, tight bod, sks other in-shape studs for hot times. Open for 3-way. Let's do it! EXT. 6162

Blond btm wants his hole worked. Didos, FF, fun for you or more. EXT. 6163

Two gdtkng guys in late 20s lkg for the same in their 20s for 3-ways, JO parties, lots of fun. EXT. 6164

Swimmer, bicyclist, gym-toned, redhead artist sks rtshp w/rtm, affectionate Latino man. EXT. 6165

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THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 16

The Night

Larry Kramer Kissed Me
David Drake's acclaimed one-man show about ACT UP, the Village People as the perfect gift, desperate bar-hopping and love. \$24. Wed/Thu 8pm. Fri./Sat. 7 & 10pm. Thru 5/9. Life on the Water, Fort Mason. 776-5496.

Somewhere Fudging

One queer Asian's search for Mr. Right (or Right Now) at "rice bars" and kiss-ins. Written by Justin Chin, performed by Jesselito Cocjin Bie. \$10. 8pm. Thru 4/18. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Livin' On Salvation Street

Terry Garner's comedy about the eventful Elvis-filled week of a Kentucky family and their misfit kids. \$12. 8pm. Thru May 1. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

Among My Wigs

Mark Davis's comedy show of outrageous characters, including Catherine Denouement and his mom, Mavis Davis. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Laughing Wild

Christopher Durang's wild urban comedy about Catholics, AIDS, crystals and a supermarket fight over a tuna can. \$8-12. 8:30pm. Sun. at 7pm. Thru May 23. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th at Mission. 861-5079.

Why We Have a Body

Claire Chafee's contemporary comedy about female myths and relationships. Characters include a woman who robs 7-11s and thinks she's Joan of Arc, and a

lesbian detective. \$12-21. 8:30pm. Sun. at 2pm. Thru May 2. Magic Theatre, Fort Mason Center. 441-8822.

The Windows The Waves

Dance, music, drama, poetry evening by Nina Farana & Atthys Gage (one night only) exploring the expression of inner emotion and experience. \$10-12. 8pm. Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason Center. 392-4400.

The Importance of Being Earnest

Oscar Wilde's witty comedy of manners, as performed by Blanche Hudson Productions' cast. \$10. Wed. 8pm, Sat. 4pm, Sun. 7pm. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St. 626-5455.

The Letters of Mina Harker

Dody Bellamy reads from her novel that pits the Dracula heroine against MTV, HIV, ATMs and VCRs, with Lutz Bacher's Vargas-like imagery. 8pm. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom. 626-5416.

Radical Poetry

Trebor, Sparrow 13 Laughing Wand, and Merle Toper read new work. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

Art, Sex & Theater

Photographic dialogue with SM erotic works by Mark I. Chester, Michael Rosen, Cammie Tolui and others. \$5. 7-11pm. Sat. & Sun. thru 4/25, 1-6pm. \$2. Mark I. Chester's Folsom Gallery, 1229 Folsom St. (8th & 9th). 621-6294.

Star Bar

Intime drag show with Connie Champagne, Kenny Wonder, Jade, Madeline. \$5. 9pm-2am. Lily's, Market at Valencia. 431-5123.

SATURDAY 17

Lily Tomlin & Friends: The Movie

Filmed version of the sold-out benefit for the filming of *The Celluloid Closet*, with Harvey Fierstein, Lypsynka and others. \$3.50-6. 1, 4, 8pm. Castro Theatre, Castro & Market. 621-6120.

Claustrophobia

Satirical play of Edgar Allan Poe's literary lunacy. Also *The Ghoul of Amherst*, an arch look at Emily Dickinson. \$12-14. 8pm. Thru 4/21. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St. 626-9196.

Psycho Beach Party

Local production of Charles Busch's wacky surf musical. \$5-15. 11:30pm weekends. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller at Laguna. 558-8172.

After the Fall

Actors Theatre's production of Arthur Miller's powerful autobiographical play about a man's mid-life crisis, his relationship to Marilyn Monroe, and the McCarthy witch hunts. \$7-25. 8pm. Sun. mats at 2pm. Thru May 22. Actors Theatre of SF, 533 Sutter St. 296-9179.

Brian Asawa

Concert of Handel arias, Schubert lieder, and Purcell Elizabethan songs, performed by the acclaimed countertenor. Proceeds benefit Operation Concern. \$50. 7:30pm. MCC, 150 Eureka St. 626-7000.

Dolls

Jackie Susann's '60s novel comes to the stage. A wig-tearing transgender queen fest starring Connie Champagne, Miss X, Jade, Elvis Herselvis and more. \$12-18. 8pm. Closes Sat. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway. 776-8999.

I Witness

Oakland Ensemble Theatre's world premiere of Mary Miller's play about three African-American families and how their lives are forever changed by a videotape recording the murder of a black man by police. \$11-25. 8pm. Sat. at 2pm, Sun. at 3pm. Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St., Oakland. (510) 238-7222.

City of Angels

Diablo Light Opera Company's production of the hit Broadway musical set in a Philip Marlowe world of detectives and classy dames. \$16-18. 8pm. Mats. at 2pm. Thru May 22. Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. (510) 943-SHOW.

Gay Comedy Night

Danny Williams, Sabrina Matthews, Mark Davis. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Come Laugh!

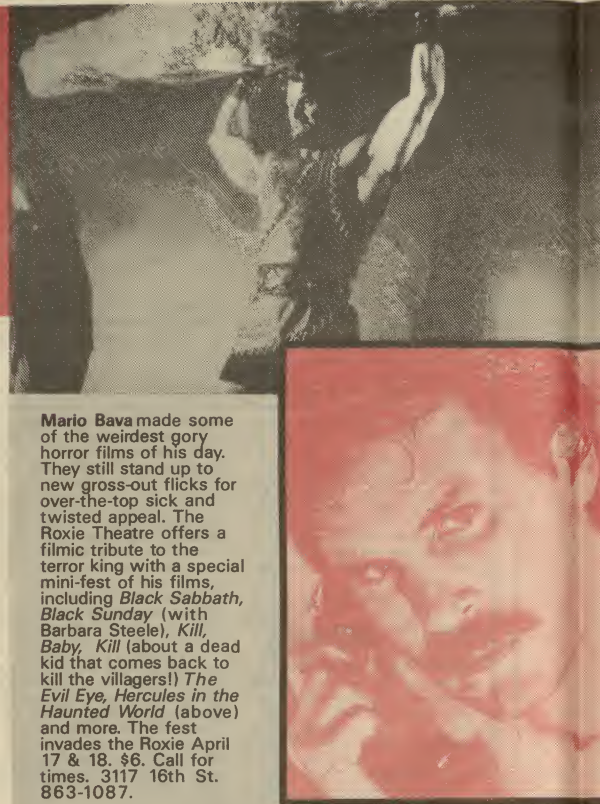
Doug Holsclaw, Lisa Geduldig, & Sabrina Matthews do gay standup. \$7. 8pm. Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave. at University, Berkeley. (510) 848-7376.

Gay & Lesbian Sierrans

Mt. Tam trekking 2300 foot climb for advanced hikers. 861-6591. Program meeting 4/20, 7:30 at 730 Polk St.; 281-5666.

Marin Hike & Bike Club

Gay & Bisexual men's athletic group meets at Phoenix Lake trailhead barrier gate. 11am. 488-0156.



Mario Bava made some of the weirdest gory horror films of his day. They still stand up to new gross-out flicks for over-the-top sick and twisted appeal. The Roxie Theatre offers a filmic tribute to the terror king with a special mini-fest of his films, including *Black Sabbath*, *Black Sunday* (with Barbara Steele), *Kill, Baby, Kill* (about a dead kid that comes back to kill the villagers!) *The Evil Eye*, *Hercules in the Haunted World* (above) and more. The fest invades the Roxie April 17 & 18. \$6. Call for times. 3117 16th St. 863-1087.

For tension of an erotic and live nature, catch Michael Kearns' revival of his one-man show, *Dream Man*, in which playwright James Carroll Pickett dives under the wire and into the life of a phone sex hustler. \$10. 8pm. April 21 - May 2. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.



A lot of photographic artists have been getting back to their collect classical roots, some with a sense of parody, others with serious intent. Katherine du Tiel's imagery straddles the two realms with incorporating classical, Hellenic and occult poses with beautiful male and female nudes (above). Her work and many others will be displayed as part of SF Photoscope 1993. Check any gallery for updated listing. The exhibit at Morphos Gallery, in addition to du Tiel will also feature works by Michelle Handelman and Monte Cazaux conceptual work by Elliot Linwood, xerographic collages by Michael Lewis and others. The opening reception is Friday, April 16, from 10pm. The exhibit runs thru May 19. Morphos Gallery, 544 Hayes 626-1936.

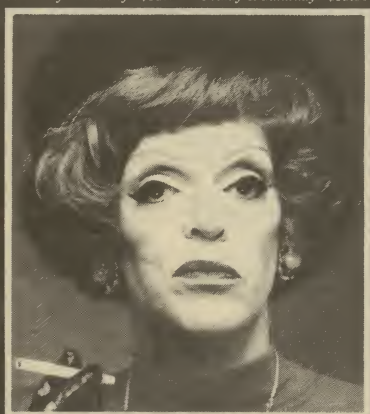


Primavera may be a terrific veggie party, but at Spectra Gallery, it's now an exhibit of compelling artwork examining relationships with nature, and our abuse of it (like Robert Rauschenberg's 'Ivory Collector,' left). The exhibit features 20 artists in a range of styles covering global reality, ritual healing and the illusion of spring. You have until May 30 to experience it. Spectra, 495 Harrison. 495-

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SUNDAY 18

Object: Subject:
Action: Material
Shelley Cook premieres an arresting combination exhibit of drawings, window installation and live performance to delve into abortion and women's sexual rights. Reception 6:30-9:30pm. Performance 7pm. Thru 4/26. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia. 824-3890

Wayne Corbitt and Djola Bernard Branner
The acclaimed playwright of *Crying Holy*, and actor, choreographer and Pomo Afro Homo will both read poems. \$3-5. 7pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

Lesbian Erotica
Mother tongue Feminist Theatre Collective moans, groans and gets down with horny words. \$6-10. 5pm. One night only. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

A Day at Point Reyes
Picnic, hike at Point Reyes for HIV positives. Carpools meet 10am, Market St. Safeway. \$2 donation for drivers. 386-2103.

MONDAY 19

Dark Divas
Performance art dinner show with Uthra and Ross Hanna. \$25. 6:30 dinner, 8pm show. Mondays thru April. Muchacha's Restaurant, 4238 18th St. 929-1430.

Susie Bright's Porn Previews
The Pauline Kael of porn shows clips from yuppie smut, feminist erotica and classics of yesteryear. \$10. 7 & 9:15pm. Also Tue. Roxie Theatre, 3117 16th St. 863-1087.

Gay Comedy Open Mike
MC Scott Silverman. Aspiring comics can call to sign up by 7pm. \$5. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

WEDNESDAY 21

Gash
Ferocious femme band fuzzboxes Faster Pussycat. \$4. 10pm-ish. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St. at Albion. 561-9771.

The Learned Ladies
Jean Stapleton stars in ACT's production of Moliere's crafty lampoon of the nouveau intelligentsia. \$11-36. 8pm. Mats. at 2 (Wed. & Sat.) & 3pm (Sun.). Thru June 5. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason at Geary. 749-2ACT.

William Wegman
Ace Weimeraner dog photog signs copies of his new book, *Cinderella*. Free. 7:30pm. The Booksmith, 1644 Haight St. 863-8688.

Jacking In
Cyberspace literary series explores creative writing in the network world, with folk from *Wired*, *Mondo 2000*, *Halo*, *Whole Earth Review* and *Fact Sheet Five*. \$3-5. 7:30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

Historias Nascientes
Hidden Histories Works by Bay Area Latin American and Mexican American artists. Thru May 7. Jeanne Bower Gallery, UC Berkeley Extension, 55 Laguna. 861-6833.

Gay Outlaw, Nancy Munford, Paul Ramirez-Jones
Three diverse installations by artists from Boston, SF, and NYC. Thru May 15. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom. 626-5416.

Taiga
Ulrike Ottinger's 8-hour film about Northern Mongols features daily life, festivals, wrestling matches, and weddings. Shown in three parts. \$6 each. Thru 4/25. Castro Theatre, Castro at Market. 621-6120.

Acceptable Distress
Robert Cardellino's multimedia art. Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St. 921-8383.

THURSDAY 22

June Watanabe & Company & Remy Charlip
Performance dance blend exploring intimacy and passion with wit and tenderness. \$13.50-15.50. 8pm. Thru 4/25. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. 621-7797.

Boys' Shorts & Lesbian Shorts
Frameline's preview of favorite queer and dyke short films and videos, including *The Dead Boys' Club*, *Rage & Desire*, *Home Stories*, *Actions Speak Louder* (Boys, 8 & 9:30pm), and *A Certain Grace*, *Where the Cows Go & Bird in the Hand* (Lesbian, 7:30pm). \$5-6. Roxie Cinema 3117 16th St. 703-8560.

\$.99 Queer Video Festival
Homemade dyke and gayboy stuff. \$.99. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St. at Albion. 621-1617.

Coming Home Hospice Bingo
Gayest gambling in town. \$12. 7pm. Basement, Most Holy Redeemer Church, 18th St & Diamond.

Mano a Mano Benefit
Danny Glover is honored at a benefit for the Latino AIDS/HIV service provider. Music, drinks, tours of the Mexican Museum included. \$25. 6-8pm. Mexican Museum, Fort Mason Center Bldg. D. 776-8999.

The Real Live Brady Bunch
Wacky yet earnest tribute to TV's pinnacle of vapid suburbia, with dramatizations of actual scripts. \$18.50-25.50. 8pm. Fri. & Sat. at 7, 9:30 & 12am. Thru 4/11. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary at Jones. 776-1999.

The Submolec Show: Columbus Wohs
Large group show of works about the Columbus Quincentennial, from the perspective of America's first people. American Indian Contemporary Arts, 685 Market, suite 250, Monadnock Bldg. 495-7600.

This Week's Dinner Specials



Nonna's Barbequed Chicken
with rosemary-garlic marinade and oven-roasted potatoes7.95

Chicken Stroganoff with marsala wine & mushrooms, fettucini .875

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1993 Summer Community League Schedule

MONDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

A BRAND NEW GAY LEAGUE FORMED IN THE FALL OF 1992; This league is more for fun than for competition. Teams are 5 bowlers — men, women or mixed. Cost is \$10.00 per person per week. We had 18 teams this past winter, so sign up early to insure your team of a spot. League bowls at **8:45 p.m.** on Mondays. League starts on Monday night **June 7**.

TUESDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

EASILY THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPETITIVE LEAGUE WE HAVE. This league is consistently 20 teams strong. If you want to get in on this action, you will have to sign up early. Teams are 5 bowlers — men, women or mixed. Cost is \$10.50 per week per person. League bowls at **8:45 p.m.** on Tuesdays. League starts **May 18**.

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

THIS LEAGUE IS A LOT OF FUN AND ALL WILL HAVE A GOOD TIME. 5 bowlers to a team — men, women or mixed. Get some friends together. Come on down and have some fun. Cost is \$10.00 per bowler. League bowls at **8:45 p.m.** every Wednesday. League starts **May 12**.

SUNDAY TAHOE LEAGUE

THE ONLY GAY TAHOE LEAGUE IN S.F.! This league culminates in a great trip to Tahoe in October. Teams are 4 bowlers — men, women or mixed. So come on down and bowl! Then, go to Tahoe and have a ball. Cost is approx. \$13.50 per week and includes transportation and rooms. League bowls at **6:00 p.m.** every Sunday. League starts **May 9**.

ALTERNATIVES

Meet new people, make new friends!

Join one of our Community Bowling Leagues this fall, and open up to a new world of fun and friends. Forming or joining a team in one of our leagues, if you haven't had the experience, offers an enjoyable alternative to your usual R&R.

Grab some friends and come on down ... bowl a game or two, have some fun!

TO JOIN CONTACT:

Bob Versemann, Dean Tyrell or Craig Wieland
at Japantown Bowl (415) 921-6200

GAY BOWLING LEAGUES



TUESDAY 20

A Fairy's Tale
Work-in-progress of David Drake's new show, including Barbie and Ken dates. \$10. Also 4/27. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

Art Spiegelman
Pulitzer Prize-winning *Maus* creator and Raw Comics co-editor speaks with Sedge Thomson. Proceeds benefit The Women's Foundation. \$14. 8pm. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness & McAllister. 392-4400.

Burning Dreams
Captivating paintings & drawings by Carlos Almaraz, who died of AIDS in 1993. Thru May. Mexican Museum, Fort Mason Center, Bldg D. 441-0445.

Girlz in the Hood
Erotic dyke portraits by ace photographer Jennifer Gillmor. Thru April 20. A Different Light, 4849 Castro. 431-0891.

In and Out
Group show of paintings & constructions by Jennifer Stady & Kirk Stoller exploring the human body. Also, Julian Marc's club kid photos. Aru Gallery, 736 14th at Church. 621-1551.

AZT: Now and the Future Living With HIV Forum features Dr. Paul Volberding in an open discussion of AZT and its efficacy. April 21, 7pm. MCC, 150 Eureka St. 476-3902.

AIDS Bike-a-Thon Training Rides April 17 (25 mi.) & 18 (45 mi.), both 10am, McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park (Fell & Stanyan). 575-1800.

San Francisco Center for Living Volunteers meeting for support group of people with life-threatening illness. Sunday, April 18, 7-9pm. 91 States St. 863-2334.

Fight Operation Rescue Help defend women's health clinics with BACORR. 1801 Bush St. & 100 Webster St. (Oakland). Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights. 541-5690.

G40plus Club Brian Young discusses the Bay Area Bisexual Network. Sunday, April 18, 2pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary. 552-1997.

Holistic Health Fair Chiropractic, Therapeutic, Hypnotherapeutic, Reiki and acupuncture practitioners will offer free seminars. April 17th, noon-5pm. Reunion Center, 1774 Union St. 474-4142.

GLOE Women Writers Group For senior lesbian women. Operation Concern, 1853 Market, April 19, 6-9pm. Led by Ida VSW Red. 626-7000.

Santa Rosa Gay and Lesbian AA Weekly meetings for queer friends of Bill. Fridays, 8pm. Meeting room, YMCA, 1111 College Ave., Santa Rosa. (707) 833-6018.

Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Concerns offers a variety of support groups for men, women, PLWHIV, teens and parents. 457-1115.



Jean Stapleton in *The Learned Ladies* (THU.)

Shelley Cook's *Object: Subject* (SUN.)

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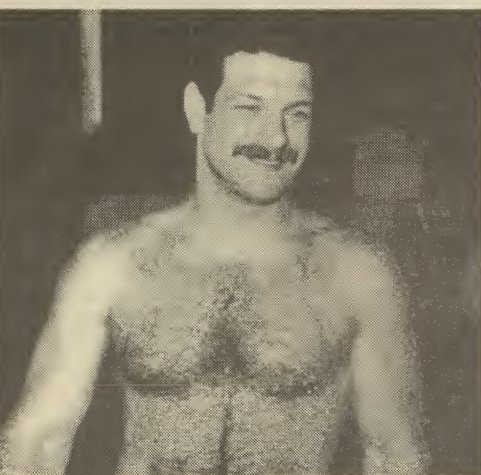
Leather Men and Women March Eastward to DC, Chicago

Leather men and women on this coast will be trekking eastward in the next two months — in just one week to the March on Washington and in May to the 15th Annual International Mr. Leather Contest in Chicago. People are working in many areas to help make both events big successes, and our leather community is deeply involved.

There are hundreds of activities going on in Washington for virtually every segment of our community, and if you've been reading the B.A.R.'s clip-out pages in the past three issues, there's no reason why you shouldn't have the entire schedule at your fingertips when you arrive there.

Friday, April 23, our own Pleasuredome (Bill Camilo) and Fantastic Realities Unlimited (Audrey Joseph) in association with *Drummer* magazine are sponsoring a "Come Together" dance explosion to celebrate our pride. Benefiting the Leather/SM/Fetish Conference, Food for Friends of D.C. and the International Titleholder Travel Fund, it's at Quorum, 56 "L" Street, NW. The doors open at 2000 until "the wee hours." You can get tickets (\$15 advance/\$20 door) and charge to your major credit card(s) by calling 626-3556 only until April 18.

Also on Friday, the Clippers Club party — \$10 donation at the door (doors open between 2000 and 2100 only), and you must RSVP to Tim at (202) 328-9885 before Thursday, April 22, or write



Popular Phoenix bartender Jeff Olney won the May '94 spot on the Eagle's Bare Chest Calendar on April 2; they'll be looking for Mr. June '94 on Thursday, Apr. 15. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

to him at P.O. Box 5871, Santa Monica, CA 90409-5871. Don't wait!

Saturday, April 24, the "official" leather/SM party by the host city committee is the "Dungeon Dance" at WUST Radio's Warehouse, 815 "V" St., N.W., again benefiting the Leather/SM/Fetish Conference, Brother Help Thyself and the Whitman-Walker Clinic. Tickets are \$15 advance/\$20 door and available at The Leather Rack, Lambda Rising and (on Thursday and Friday only) at the DC-Eagle. With a 50/50 raffle, a New York deejay, flogging

demons and other related exhibitions, this should be a hot ticket. There are a million other activities going on, so the selection in various price ranges is limitless if you have the tokens and the stamina. See you there?

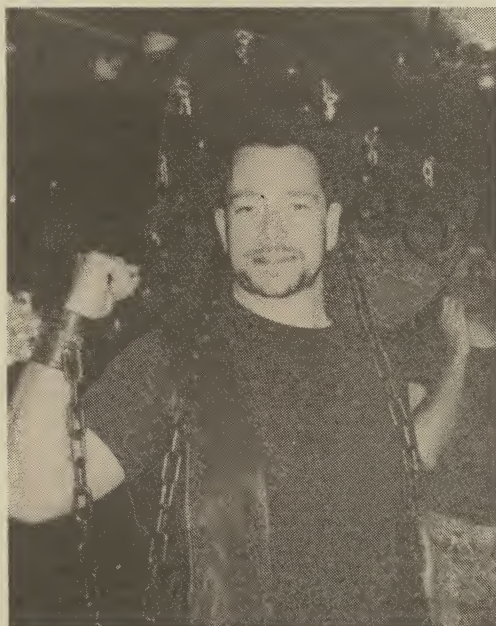
The leather community of Boston asked me to advise former Bostonians living in San Francisco to join them in the March. The Boston contingent is staying at the Potomac Inn if you want to join them for festivities.

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On Memorial Day Weekend (May 27-31), the 15th Annual International Mr. Leather Contest takes place in Chicago. At my deadline last Monday, there were only 60 rooms left at the host Hotel Congress (520 South Michigan Ave.). You can still get one by calling (800) 635-1666, and don't forget to mention it's for IML weekend.

The weekend "package" tickets for IML are \$95 each, and the deadline for tickets is April 30. You can charge your tickets to major credit cards by calling (800) 545-6753. The package includes a reserved seat at the contest on Sunday night, May 30; admission to the three-day leather market; reception for contestants and judges; the Hometown Party (San Francisco is Lenny's hometown); the post-contest celebration party; and the Black & Blue Ball on Monday immediately following the annual AIDS Candlelight Vigil.

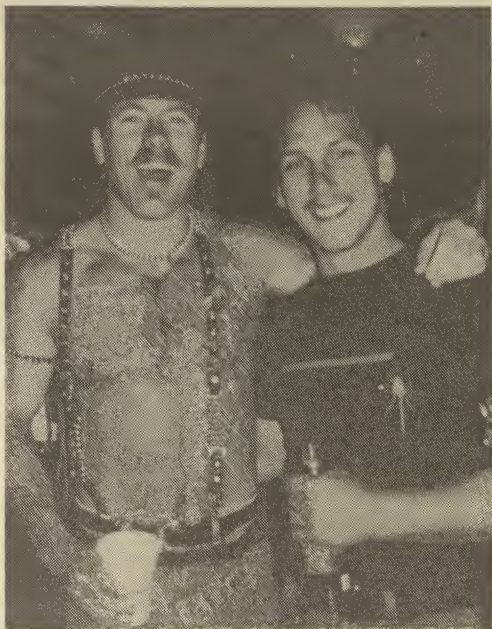
This year's judges are IML '92 Lenny Broberg, *Leather Journal* publisher Dave Rhodes, former Mr. Drummer Woody Bebout, Mercury Mail Order's Patrick Batt, *Drummer* magazine publisher Martijn Bakker, the first Mr. Gold Coast John Lunning



The handcuffs/chains/keys "Bondage Bonnet" worn by this unidentified man caused a stir Easter Sunday, April 11 at the Eagle beerbust. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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Mr. Marcus



Mr. Southern California Drummer Rick Price (r.) and his new "boy," Mark Henderson, caused quiet a stir at the Eagle beer/soda bust last Sunday. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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of New York, and Chicago's Thom Dombkowski, who will serve as the chief judge. Little Rock's Chuck Higgins will be the alternate judge. I'll be serving as judge emeritus. Since this is the 15th anniversary, IML Inc. is doing it up right. At my deadline, the number of contestants from San Francisco at IML this year went from two to four! Nice! And if you really want the nitty-gritty, there are four contestants in it this year that were also in it last year.

★ ★ ★

Pretty laid back around Ye Olde Campus last week. Mr. SF Leather Greg Byfield did a great job raising some \$500 at Headquarters last Monday for the opening of Craig Coleman's "Contraptions" wood sculpture show; Craig will do a life-size portrait of Greg. After drawing such rave reviews, "Contraptions" will hang until the wood rots.

Wednesday, April 7, with Mitch Johnson emceeing, they selected Mr. Feb. '94 on the Great Buns Calendar at the Eagle. A hunk with fine "trunk," Allan Violini of

beer/soda bust Sunday afternoon. Handcuffs, keys and chains adorned the hot red straw chapeau and got a lot of stares, as did Mr. Southern California Drummer Rick Price and his new hubba-hubba "boy," Mark Henderson. The Pacific Bears hosted the beer bust and had an Easter-y food layout to benefit the Nevada AIDS Project. Fun weekend all around.

As the Lava Flows

I can't believe how low a thief or thieves can get. Why anyone in the world would want to steal the red, white and blue leather sash of International Mr. Leather Lenny Broberg is beyond comprehension. Who could wear it in public? Why steal an item of use only to the person who owns it? And yes, there is a reward for the IML '92 leather sash which was stolen from the storage space in Lenny's garage last week. Talk about rude!

The Jon Sims Center had a

Stockton, took the spot. They'll be picking Mr. March on Wednesday, April 21.

Over at the Jackhammer that same night, a nice crowd turned out for the Mr. SF Leather Contest video by BML Video. That Jackhammer has a lot of class; they rolled out a seven-foot buffet with piles of food for the crowd and cheers rang out all evening.

Friday night, April 9, Mr. SF-Eagle Andy Rose had his underwear party and asked some of the most improbable people to pose in some of the undies. They raised several hundred dollars for the AEF and a lot of laughs for the assembled crowd.

IML Lenny Broberg traveled to Dallas to emcee the Mr. Brick contest (their newest leather/SM bar); the winner will compete in the Gulf Coast Drummer competition in June. Lenny said the Brick was decked out like a cave, and when it was all over, Kirk Lively won it. As for getting laid — Lenny is now 18 and 0.

Sunday was Easter; bonnets galore all over town, but the best one I saw was the Bondage Bonnet at the Eagle



Allan Violini of Stockton won the Mr. Feb. '94 spot in the Great Buns Calendar at the contest last Wednesday, April 7.

(Photo: Vern Stewart)



Ms. SF Leather Queen Cougar (far right) greeted the finalists of the Mr. SF Leather contest on April 3, (l to r): Steve Kajikawa, Mr. SF Leather Greg Byfield, and Richard Faust. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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Pioneer piercer Jim Ward himself (far right), did the honors at the daddy piercing ceremony with Irwin Kane and Steve Lesh last week at the Gauntlet. (Photo: Drew Ward)

valid excuse for not showing
up for their scheduled
beer/soda bust at the Eagle
two Sundays ago and have
made profuse apologies to ev-
eryone involved via board
president Robin Hoffheinz.
Apparently the apologies
were accepted by all con-
cerned.

Any Mr. SF Leather con-
testant who wants to see the
scores given to them by the
judges and their ranking need
only contact Lenny Broberg
who has them all. They will
not be made public in accord-
ance with the unanimous de-
cision made by the 10 con-
testants themselves. All the
contestants know/knew this on
Friday night, April 2, at their

briefing. Chicago and IML
had nothing to do with this
contest, and any inquiries to
them will fall on deaf ears
and only annoy them. Clear?

A new country/western bar
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Phoenix has already launched
a successful start in Chicago
and Denver, and rumor (re-
member, I said "rumor") has
it that they're looking for a
spot here. They really know
how to operate a
country/western bar, and it
couldn't have happened to a
nicer group!

Dissatisfied with all the
politics and fed up with the
stringent protocol (read: prop-
riety/prissiness) of the Amer-

ican Uniform Association, a
new national uniform orga-
nization called Men in Uniform,
or M.I.U., has emerged. It'll
make its first appearance in
the nation's capital over the
March on Washington week-
end. It started in New York
and is spreading all over the
country already. To quote
them: "All we want to do is
wear uniforms without all the
bullshit."

Big shakeup in manage-
ment and staff coming at a
Folsom St. bar any day now;
new owners have taken over
and are definitely "cleaning
house" and bringing the bar
back to what it's supposed to
be — a leather/Levis/cowboy
bar. Stay tuned. ▼



Another "piercing" event at the Gauntlet on April 7; this time Southbay Leather Daddy Steve Lesh (r.) and Leather Daddy Irwin Kane. It was a double septum event with a big crowd on hand. (Photo: Drew Ward)

Affairs to Remember

Thursday, April 15: Look-
ing for Mr. June '94 on the Bare
Chest Calendar tonight at 2200.
Win \$100 and a spot on the calen-
dar which benefits the AIDS
Emergency Fund.

Weekend April 16-18:
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Saturday, April 17: The 15
Association dungeon party
tonight from 2100 to 0200 the

next day. Soda provided and
BYOB, for \$10 donation. You
know the rules, the number and
the location.

IML Lenny Broberg will em-
cee the Mr. Boston Leather con-
test in Bean Town tonight. Sev-
eral of our guys will be there to
see what their competition will
be in Chicago in May. A.J.
Steigenberger takes his "last
walk" as the current incumbent.
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Emergency Fund. You bid on
four or five models and strip
them to find gift certificates from
Le Salon, Unique Framing, B of
A (to name a few), beginning at
2030.

Wednesday, April 21:
Looking for Mr. March '94 on the
Great Buns Calendar at the Eagle
tonight at 2130.

Weekend, April 24-25: If
you're not going to the March on
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Sadie Sadie

Gil Block, otherwise known as Sadie, Sadie, the Rabbi Lady, disagrees with Smolinski. Block registered illegally as a resident of Concord last year, in order to assume a self-appointed role as gay spokesperson to oppose the ultimately successful campaign which overturned Concord's gay rights initiative. Block believes genderbending and drag are critical elements in sexual politics. "I remember what it was like in the '50s with the Mattachine Society. You had to wear a suit and a tie to demonstrate in front of the White House. They thought the only way they would get attention was if they looked like everyone else. But this is the '90s, it's not the '50s. Drag is an extremely powerful vehicle for making political statements. The power brokers in our community who think they can speak for the rest of us, they're full of shit."

"A token drag queen performing onstage as eye candy and comic relief is not a commitment to [the] visibility of the transgender and queer community and their issues."

**—Sister Vicious
Power Hungry Bitch**

Chris Bowman, of the San Francisco chapter of the Log Cabin Club, a group of gay Republicans, is not particularly worried about the Sisters or their image. "The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence know how to take the media, and whether they're on the stage or not, the press will seek them out. I'm not certain it will make any difference. Perhaps we do have to be a bit more dignified, because the question is: will it play in Peoria? On the other hand, we can't be held hostage to what the Right will do. While the gay community should get its messages out, we can't do it by stifling all other voices."

Unhappy Campers

While the March Committee plans to feature a number of entertainers onstage throughout the event, including drag acts, the Sisters remain dissatisfied. They believe the Committee is merely paying lip service to the issues that concern transgender people as well as queers, dykes, gays and lesbians of color. In an official press release from the Sisters, Sister Vicious



Angels in Whiteface by Thomasino DeMaio (Photo: Sister X)

Power Hungry Bitch is quoted as saying, "A token drag queen performing onstage as eye candy and comic relief is not a commitment to [the] visibility of the transgender and queer community and their issues; it's the same unacceptable elitist and exclusive attitude mainstream gays have always had about the diversity within our community."

Although the Sisters are angry about the March Committee's decision, they are not surprised. Assimilationist attitudes and drag phobia, they allege, have increased within the gay and lesbian community since President Clinton was elected and civil rights for gays began to look more and more promising. Last November, for example, the Sisters were invited to the Creating Changes Conference in Los Angeles. "We went and what we found was that all the major events coming up for the gay community — Gay Games, Stonewall 25 Celebration, the March on Washington — were being designed and organized by people who didn't have a clue about the reality and the diversity of our community," says Sister X.

"They seemed to be assimilationists. Apologists. They were going to create these national, highly visible events, and expect everyone in the gay community to fall very rigidly into this conformist attitude, an attitude and a behavior of which heterosexuals would approve. Their whole goal was to seek heterosexual approval such that if we look like them and we behave like them, we can convince the heterosexuals that we're 'just like them.' And I think that is such a huge mistake. If we sell out our cultural heritage as gays and lesbians, then we're not better for having gained those rights, we're worse off — like the black movement. They sold out their cultural heritage and identity to be just like the dominant majority. And now they're struggling to rename and redefine their cultural her-

"We have to face political reality. Political reality says you put forth your argument as positively as possible and you minimize issues that detract from the argument."

—Darrin Smolinski

itage. Gay people are going down the same road. When I hear these conservative gay white boys tell me to step back and tell me I have no place at the March, I get furious. I get very angry. Because we paved the way, and we set the pace. We are the leaders. And now we're having to fight and struggle within our own community to be recognized."

At present, the Sisters are still at an impasse with the

Executive Committee. While the Sisters may not appear onstage, they plan to fly to Washington on United Airlines — in full face — and attend the March in force. In addition, the nuns have publicized a list of demands urging that transgender issues be included in the March on Washington. "We are not continuing to attack them, but that doesn't mean we are going to back off from our demands," says Gordon Elkins, Cardinal Sin of the Carnal Craving. "We don't just want a drag queen entertainer up there representing our issues." ▼



Sister X confronts a fundie at a 1991 rally (Photo: Beth Kukucka)

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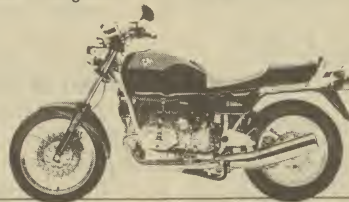
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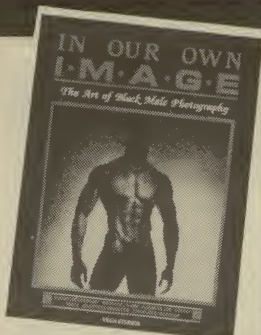
In Our Own Image: The Art of Black Male Photography
by various photographers and edited by Vega; Vega Press, \$20

by Patrick D. Hoctel

No dicks. That's the first thing you may notice while perusing the photos of black men by black male photographers in *In Our Own Image*. According to the book's publicist, Michele Karlsberg, that omission was a conscious decision of the book's editor, Vega, whose work also appears in this volume. He felt he didn't want to dwell on that part of the black male anatomy that so often receives all the attention. As Carl Cook states in the foreword, the book's purpose is to "enhance our un-

derstanding of the black man by challenging our perceptions of him" and not simply reinforce old myths and

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as a gay
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Ajamu has it,
and we
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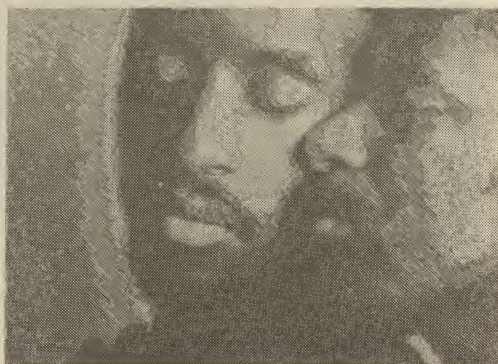


stereotypes.

Given that, it's somewhat surprising that so many of the shots here record standard studio/at the beach/in the woods poses that are not particularly revelatory, not to mention a bit stiff. No Stanley Stellars here. However, the models are generally quite attractive, and sometimes the camera does provide insightful glimpses into their individual personalities.

Among the work of the seven photographers featured in *In Our Own Image* — Hopeton Stewart, Richard Evans, Jamal Blair, Ajamu, Vega, Geoffrey Sinclair, and Charles S. Tillman — the sensual portraits of Stewart, Evans, and Ajamu, especially, stand out. If there is such a

thing as a gay sensibility, Ajamu has it, and we should all be grateful. His head shots of two black male couples on facing pages are both tender yet ravishingly sexy and definitely do "enhance our understanding of the black man." ▼



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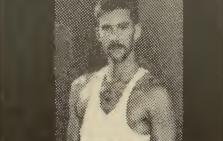
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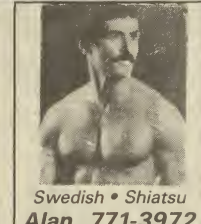
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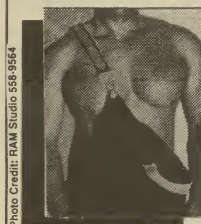


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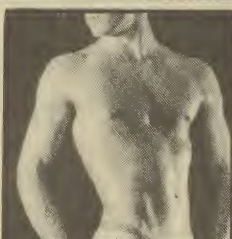
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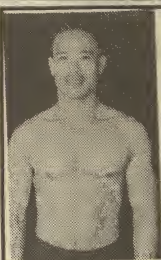
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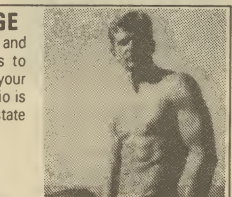
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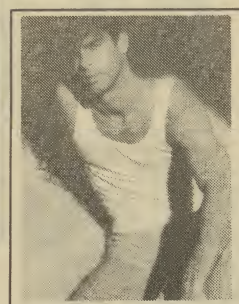
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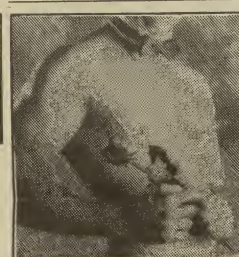


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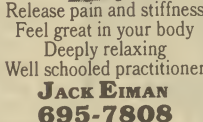
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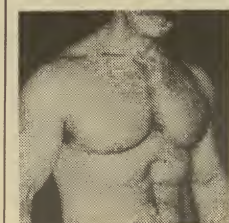
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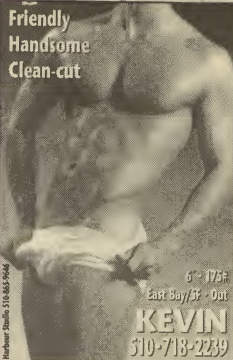
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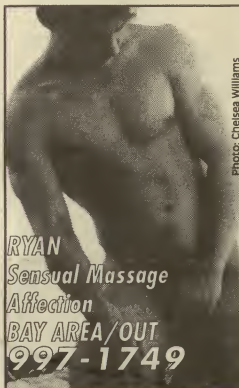
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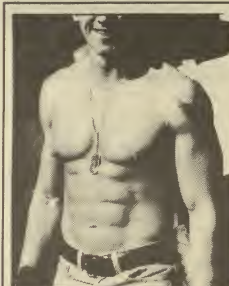
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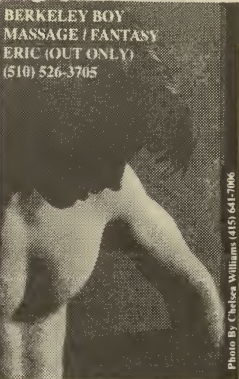


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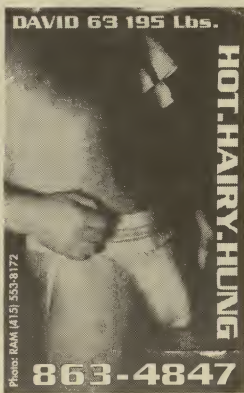
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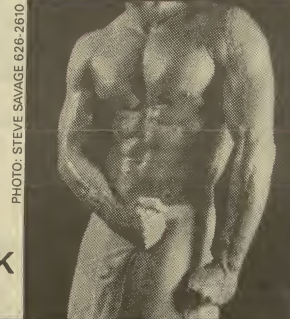


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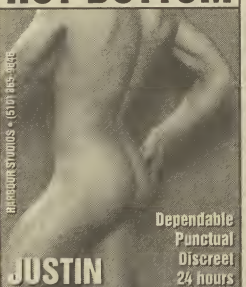


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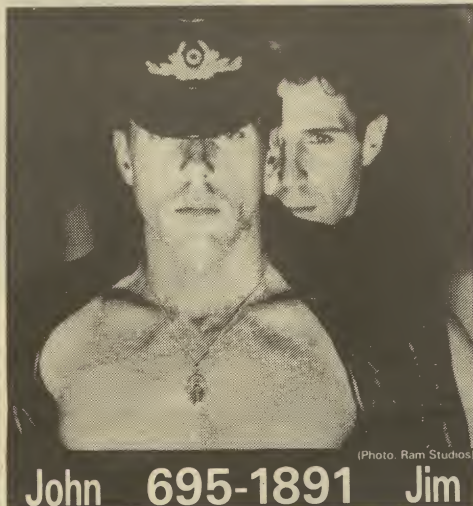
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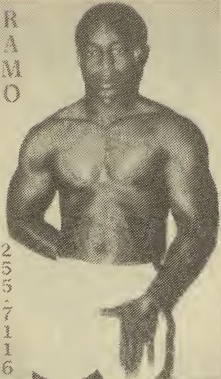
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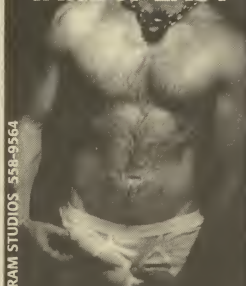
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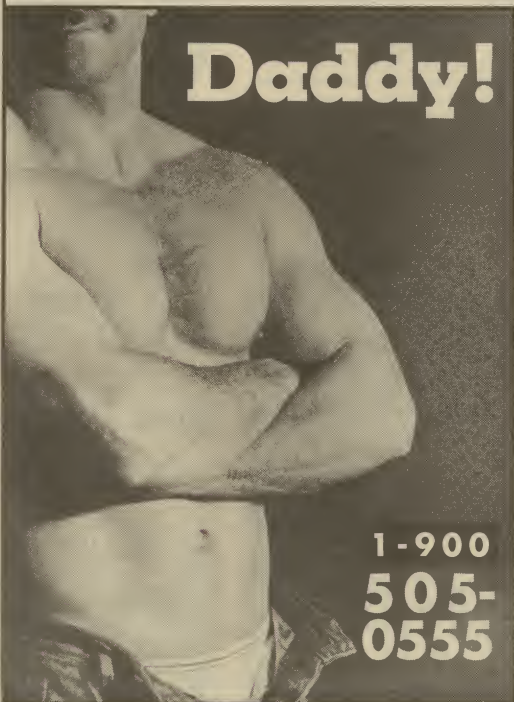
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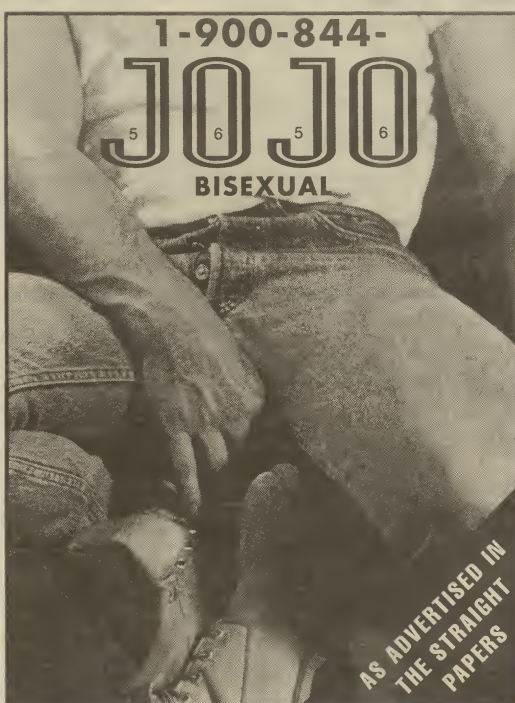
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